

4 Pages Rice Starts Lingering Rice, Corn

Board, Administrative Staff Now Constituted With Sabido As Head

With the completion of its organization, the RICOA has now entered upon its functions intensively, having begun buying rice and corn in accordance with plans recently drawn up. Thru its offices, branches in the rice-producing areas, rice is being purchased as fast as harvest conditions permit.

President Jose P. Laurel today appointed the following officers of the RICOA: Board Chairman, Minister Pedro Sabido; Members, Poffilo Bizon, Leon G. Quinto, Hilario S. Silayan, Ricardo Gonzales, Vicente Singson Centurion, and Edgardo Rodriguez, Sr. Arturo Tanco is the Managing Director, with Army Adjutant G. G. Mark as alternate. H. Miyake is adviser.

The recent fall in the local price of rice may be attributed to the new activity of the RICOA.

Government authorities are confident that the slump in the price of the cereal will pull down the prices of other goods and commodities considerably. It will also lower the present high cost of living in Manila as well as in the provinces.

Malolos New B-S Center

MALolos, Nov. 26.—This capital of one of the richest provinces of Central Luzon is fast assuming the air of a minor metropolis, due to the heavy influx of evacuees from Manila. The situation here can be duplicated in the nearby towns of Bulacan, Hagonoy, Sta. Maria, Balwagan, and San Rafael, whose populations have practically doubled since June.

About forty kilometers from Manila, surrounded by fields and fishponds, Malolos has always been self-sufficient, and the townspeople, sensing the heavy influx, came with the coming of evacuees, have increased their vegetable acreage by at least twice, while substantially enlarging also their areas to rice, camote, corn, and other food crops. The result of this foresight has been almost miraculous. There is no food problem here, and the prices of foodstuffs are not soared as high as elsewhere.

Take rice, for instance. Rice is easily procurable at less than ₦200 per ganta, and the tendency, during the last few days, has been downward. Rice may now be bought at from ₦160 to ₦170 a ganta new crop. Camotes and corn sell at less than ₦80 a kilo for the former, and less than ₦100 per ganta for the latter. Bangus sells on the average for

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Speaker Calls On Nation To Carry On In National Heroes November Thirtieth Message

Aquino Suggests, Thru "The Republic," Quiet Tribute And Simple Prayer For Dead Leaders Of P. I. Struggles For Freedom

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Vice-President and Director-General, KALIBAPI

National Heroes Day will be observed this year without the usual fanfare of previous years, the observance being limited to a national broadcast in which President Laurel will be the sole speaker and to a literary program at the Metropolitan Theater under the auspices of the New Philippines' Leaders Society, of which Assemblyman Flo Duran is president. The celebration this year has been entrusted to the Kalibapi, of which Speaker Benigno S. Aquino, is Director-General. The hour set for the national broadcast is from 8:00 to 8:30 p. m., with the President speaking from Malacanang by remote control. Choice musical numbers consisting of the best Philippine melodies performed by the foremost local artists will precede the President's speech.

The Metropolitan Theater program will be given in the afternoon at 4 o'clock and will include both literary and musical selections.

It is believed that the observance of the day is in keeping with the spirit of the times. It is hoped that a celebration that is simple yet solemn will go far in reminding the people of the significance of the day, especially in the present nation emergency.

TIRONA GRATEFUL FOR NEW DONATIONS

In a statement released last week in behalf of the Special Relief Committee, which he is Chairman, Minister Emiliano Tirona of Health, Labor and Public Welfare, expressed heartfelt appreciation for the generous cooperation of social workers and others responsible for giving the Christmas relief fund drive an auspicious start.

Minister Tirona's statement in full follows: "In the present plight of our people, many whom hunger is afflicted by the specter of hunger, it is a great consolation to note and witness that the traditional Christian virtue of charity of our countrymen and foreigners as well has not changed. So many tears will be dried; so many mouths will be filled; so many children crying for food, will be satisfied, at least temporarily, and the naked will have clothing. Interpreting the sentiments of His Excellency the President, whose interest for the welfare of the poor and destitute is unparalleled, I am very deeply impressed by the generous and spontaneous response being given by many of our citizenry and foreigners to our call for relief of the suffering people, as well as to the great interest and interested activity shown by the distinguished ladies constituting

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to amide the sufferings that today torment both body and soul, amidst the tragedy that envelops our entire country, and amidst the apparent uncertainties that seem to lie ahead, all because we are caught in the vortex of a total war, November 30 stands out clear and undimmed to guide us along the straight and only course that should lead us to national salvation.

This day dedicated to the memory of our heroes must serve as a beacon in the passing storm to lead us to the ultimate consummation of our Destiny. Our heroes have paved the way, they have charted the route that our career in independent nationhood should follow and I say today, "We follow that route, the only route that will assure us a life of self-respect and dignity and happiness. Let's follow the creater of our independence, leads us to, cost what it may; let's conserve the advances it has given us; and safeguard our Republic, the sacred embodiment of all that has been sacrificed by our heroes in the past and by those of our generation and the motive-power of all progress and achievement in the future."

On this sacred day, let us remember those who have made our present progress and liberty possible, not with the pagantry and the gaudy fanfare of past celebrations, but with a silent tribute and a solemn prayer within the inner temples of our own souls that we whom they have left behind may be deposed from the legacy they have passed on to us and that we to whom they have handed the torch may have the courage and the strength to hold it high undistinguished even amid the vicissitudes and trials that today weaken men's determination and valor.

I can pay no higher tribute to him in whose honor November 30 is observed than to commend Andres Bonifacio, "Father of the Katipunan" than by recalling some of his chosen words:

"Worship the Creator with all

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DOCUMENTARY STAMPS DEMAND GROWS HEAVY

An extraordinarily heavy demand for documentary stamps has been noted recently, confidential sources have informed the Republic's fiscal authorities. The increase in the sale of real estate and other properties.

However, it was gathered from the cashier's office of the bureau of customs and internal revenue, that a heavy buying of government officials. One particular buyer is reported to have purchased stamps to the amount of ₦50,000 in documentary stamps, and still another, ₦300,000.

There has also been heavy demands for special stamp issues of the Republic since one year ago, specially those cancelled at the Manila office. This is the first time that the bureau of customs and internal revenue has experienced so large a boom in documentary stamp sale.

Priority Given To Homeless City Residents

Preference Is Granted To Persons Who Lose Homes In Emergency

In order to provide homes for city residents who have been displaced of their dwellings by reason of the needs of the Imperial Japanese Forces for housing facilities and for those whose dwellings were burned or destroyed as a result of air-raids, President Jose P. Laurel has issued Executive Order No. 106 authorizing the occupancy of national buildings owned or leased by residents of the city who have evacuated to the provinces. The executive order which was promulgated on November 22 reads as follows:

SECTION 1. All residential buildings in the City of Manila or parts thereof, which are owned or leased by residents of said city who have evacuated to the provinces or cities are hereby made available to the public for occupancy. Said buildings or parts thereof shall be given preference to the residents of city residents who have been displaced of their dwellings by reason of the needs and demands of the Imperial Japanese Forces for housing facilities, and then to those whose dwellings have been burned, destroyed, or otherwise lost, or who have been compelled to vacate the same for military or

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Kalibapi, Mother's Day To Be Observed Next Monday, Dec. 4

Next Monday, December 4, will be both Kalibapi and Mother's Day. As Kalibapi Day, it is an official day of the Republic. The National Service Association known as *Kapusanan sa Pagsilungkod an Bagong Pilipinas*.

Executive Director General Dominador Tan and Women's Director Francisca T. Benitez will speak over the radio at the program celebrating the day at 8:00 p. m. It is presumed that Mr. Tan will be speaking in English and Mrs. Benitez on Mother's Day as well as the part that the women have in the Kalibapi.

By executive order of the President, Kalibapi Day is observed throughout the country. Mother's Day, for the first time, will be publicly observed under the Republic on the first Monday of December, dedicated to all mothers and to womanhood in general.

CUCUMBERS, NOT BOOKS, BRING FELIZA WEALTH

Feliza Acuna was a barrio teacher in Polo, Batangas, at the time the Republic was engaged the Philippines. Then the school system was disrupted and she lost her permanent employment. So with her husband, who was a driver.

That is history. Today, they are among the biggest cucumber farmers in Manila. They turned their backyards into cucumber fields and persuaded the neighbors in Pasolo, Polo, to do likewise. Today, with a weekly yield of 5,000 cucumbers weighing about a kilo

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Aid Of Church Heads Sought

In a circular letter to all church dignitaries and heads of religious organizations, Minister of Home Affairs Pedro Sison, in his capacity as Chief Inspector of the President and Inspector-General of Martial Law, urged that religious institutions help in the maintenance of peace and order throughout the country.

"As the church," Minister Sison stated, "has always been one of the most effective representations through which the people can be informed of the wisdom and necessity of strict compliance with the mandates of the law, it is most earnestly requested that you kindly ask your priests, ministers, and pastors to transmit to the people this information and the appeal of the government for their cooperation."

Minister Sison's remarks follow: "During these crisis times, when our soil has again been converted into a battlefield, we beg to remind you and, through you, all the followers of your church, of the terms and conditions embodied in

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Shoe Prices Unheard-Of; Can't Anything Be Done?

Inspired by the positive action taken by the Negros special court of criminal jurisdiction against criminal profiteering, placing shoes in the same bracket as prime necessities and persuading the neighbors Republic made the rounds of shoe stores still open, on Rizal Avenue, Alcatraz, and the Escalita, to see how shoe prices have advanced criminally.

In the two biggest shoe stores on Alcatraz near Juan Luna, rubber-soled and heeled shoes that sold for ₦450 a pair in the first week of November were found tagged at from ₦650 to ₦1,000. Children's shoes that were priced ₦150 a pair two weeks ago are now bearing prices that range from ₦200.

In the Escalita and Rizal Avenue, profiteering in shoes seems to be awaiting the drastic hand of the economic police, if profiteering is

to be given a deathblow. Old stock shoes of prowar vintage, on the alleged ground that they are "machine" are priced all the way from ₦1,000 to ₦2,600 a pair. These are the same shoes that sold for ₦450, ₦500, and ₦550, at most ₦100, just prior to the war in the Philippines. In one place, the Republic's representative was able to count no less than 15 dozen pairs of shoes above the ₦1,000 mark.

Prospective buyers who do not have bagfuls of money to shell out were heard to mutter under their breath: "Magana! Maga swaga, itong magasaapots!" Indeed, when people have to walk to the store to go to, they have to have shoes. The dealers, it seems, are out to make money at the expense of the public, is a mild way of saying it.

Here To Assist New-Born Republic--Gen. Yamasita

At a state dinner tendered in honor of General Tomoyuki Yamasita, Highest Commanding Officer of the Imperial Japanese Forces in the Philippines, by President Jose P. Laurel at Malacanang last Sunday, the Hero of Singapore declared that his mission of helping the independent Philippines grow unimpeded by any force and from any source will be fulfilled even at the sacrifice of his own life.

"As it is a natural law," General Yamasita said, "that man should be free, that man should be able to stand on his own feet and live the life to which he is destined, unimpeded and untrammelled, so it is with a country. A country is in natural and divine law that a country should be free and independent to decide its own destiny and dictate its own life.

I wish to pledge my word of honor and the word of honor of a soldier of Japan is definitive and irrevocable," the General continued, "I am a man of simple and direct sincerity, that my mission

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Editorials

WELL-BEGUN, SO FAR SO GOOD; NOW FOR
A YEAR-LONG CITY IMPROVEMENT WEEK

We wish to add a word of commendation to that already voiced in various quarters for the City Hall authorities' initiative in organizing the Garbage Collection Week program. It is high time that a...

The President's letter to the Military Governor of Manila fully expresses the sentiment, not only of "The Republic" but also the...

Perhaps, it was just initiative that was lacking to get the movement started. Now that such initiative is being shown, let all the credit go...

Everything so far is well started. Now, let all the apparent enthusiasm be not just a passing beginning, but also we need such things...

ON NATIONAL HEROES' DAY

We fully agree with Speaker Aquino, whose statement appears in this issue, that it is not in keeping with the spirit of the National Heroes' Day...

On Independence Day and during national ceremonies we have already adopted the practice of saying en masse at a given hour a one-minute prayer for our heroes and for the future of our country...

"May your great deeds inspire me at this hour of trial for our people and give me strength and courage and determination to carry on with my share of the tasks yet left behind me and may the Almighty to make me deserving of the fruits of your sacrifices so that I may be able to contribute in however small and humble measure towards the work you have so nobly begun, it is our Republic great and enduring."

PRINCES NEED MORE ATTENTION

Just because Manila happens to be the home of the National Government seems to be no reason for the National Government and its instrumentalities to concentrate all their attention and activities to the city. The population and the area of Manila after all are just a small portion of that of the Philippines.

Yes, we can safely say that the facilities and assistance afforded to the people of the provinces of Luzon are much less than those given to the people of Greater Manila alone. Take the matter of prime commodities, both when we are talking about the provinces and when we are talking about Manila. It cannot be said that people in the provinces are much better off with respect to prime commodities than the people of Manila are.

The President sends his love to the widows and orphans, have not heard or seen any prime commodities such as clothing, matches, lard, petroleum, vegetable oil, etc.

Associated Life Will Formally Open Shortly

The Associated Life Insurance Company, first Philippine life insurance company to be organized under the Republic, will formally open for business this week. The company is capitalized at P5,000,000.

Cucumbers . . .

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each, and with cucumbers selling at P45 a kilo in the city, Feliza Acuna and her husband are earning the rich reward of being given the fine sense to turn to good Mother Earth when everything else seems to be going wrong.

Six Judges of the Court of First Instance, an assistant solicitor general, solicitors, justices of the peace, and municipal mayors were appointed by President Jose P. Laurel, it was announced by Malacañan last week. The appointments follow:

- Constance Valera, Judge of the Court of First Instance of Cagayan;
Maynardo Farol, Judge of the Court of First Instance of Batangas;
Felino Villanar, Judge of the Court of First Instance of Nueva Ecija;
Marcelo Rauloña, Judge of the Court of First Instance of Sorsogon and Masbate;
Hermogenes Calug, Judge of the Court of First Instance of Tagaytay;
Gertrudo de los Reyes, as Judge of the Court of First Instance of Laguna;
Manuel P. Barcelona, as Assistant Solicitor General of the Bureau of Prisons, with residence at Lucena, Taybas;
Eduardo E. Palma, as Solicitor of the Bureau of Public Prosecution with residence at Lucena, Taybas;
Emilio Torres, as Solicitor of the Bureau of Public Prosecution with residence at Manila;
Olimpio R. Navarro, as Solicitor with residence at Manila;
Isidro A. Vera, as Solicitor of the Bureau of Prisons, with residence at Manila;
Mariano B. de Flesta, as Municipal Mayor of Bayombong, Nueva Guaya.

Issued by Military Governor Leon G. Quinto of Manila early last week was Military Order 22 declaring that all vehicles, excepting those belonging to army and navy authorities, may be commandeered for transport casualties during and after air-raids by city officials, police and Home Guard officers, men and distance and neighborhood association officials duly authorized by the Mayor.

1. All neighborhood leaders, district association presidents, barrio chiefs and members of the Metropolitan Constabulary and the Manila Home Guard, including all City officials, are charged with the duty of whenever they find wounded person or persons during and after enemy bombing in the streets or squares, taking them to hospitals, and they are authorized to stop the first available transportation, except those operating under the Imperial Japanese Army and Navy, and utilize them for the purpose of conveying the wounded.

Calixto Dulay, as Municipal Mayor of Arayat, Nueva Vizcaya;
Crisostomo Cornejo, as Municipal Mayor of Malvar, Batangas;
Griaco Laurel, as Municipal Mayor of Talisay, Batangas;

Jesús Espinas, as Justice of the Peace, Pasacao, Camarines Sur;
David Mirado, as Justice of the Peace of Milaor, Misamis, and Gainsa, Camarines Sur.

All Goods Commodities Fall Under
Anti-Profitteering Law, Court Rules

All goods and commodities covered by the anti-profitteering law. This was contained in a decision handed down by the Supreme Court denying a petition of Jaso Bhopal, manager of the E. J. Schwabi & Co. of Bacolod, Occidental Negros, for the annulment of a judgment rendered by the Municipal Judge Francisco Arellano of Occidental Negros. Bhopal was charged with hoarding shoes and allegedly selling them at exorbitant prices. He was sentenced to pay a fine of P50,000 and to serve a prison term of two years. In his petition for annulment, he contended that shoes

are not prime commodities and therefore not come within the purview of the anti-profitteering law.

In sustaining the special original writ, the Supreme Court pointed out that from the provisions of Art. No. 85 and Executive Order 157, it may be seen that the scope is not limited or confined to prime commodities and that under the explicit provision there is no provision that would warrant such limitation.

The high tribunal's decision was penned by Justice Ramon Ozaeta with Chief Justice Jose Yulo and Justices Horilleno, Moran and Paras concurring.

Aid Of Church . . .

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the Pact of Alliance between our Republic and the Imperial Japanese Government. Under this Pact, we are in duty bound to lend with-in our limitations, all possible aid to the Imperial Japanese Forces in the Philippines. To enable us to discharge in part this obligation, of extreme necessity we must maintain, or help maintain, peace and order throughout the length and breadth of the country. The people should pursue their ordinary calling or usual occupation as heretofore instead of indulging in acts which may cause a state of confusion, or misunderstanding.

It is needless to state that existing laws which are inimical to the safety and security of the nation, including the spreading of rumors, which are inimical to the peace and order which tend to disturb peace and order. In order that there may not be subjected to severe penalties prescribed by law, the people should be advised to refrain from committing any of the acts which have always been one of the most effective institutions through which the people can be informed of the wisdom and necessity of strict compliance with the mandates of the law. It is in consequence requested that you kindly ask your priests, ministers, and pastors to transmit to the people the government for their cooperation, every sermon that they preach should be an earnest appeal. This opportunity presents itself, counselling them to have confidence in the ever reliable care of Divine Providence. We will greatly appreciate it if you will assist us in our full cooperation on this matter."

Here To Assist . . .

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here is to assist this new-born Republic which is still in its infancy and untried by any force from any source into strong virile nationhood."

The complete remarks of General Yamamoto during the state dinner follow:

"THE PRESIDENT, GENTLEMEN: "It has been less than a month since I arrived in this beautiful country. I have been the guest of Commander-in-Chief of the Imperial Japanese Army in the Philippines. I am very happy to be here tonight and wish to express my profound thanks to His Excellency the President, for affording me this early opportunity to meet my friends, colleagues and other prominent citizens of this country—all of whom however, I wish to assure you, are in the midst of trying to overcome the tremendous difficulties and trying circumstances in supporting the President in his tremendous task of building up this newly purchased country, an infant nation of only one year, to grow into sound and strong and to be given the rightful place among the great nations of the world. There exists, however, in this country, a wide strenuous objects to the very idea of the Philippines being independent. It is in keeping with natural law that man should be free and independent, that man should be able to stand on his own feet and the life to which he is destined, unmoored and untrammelled, so it is with a country. It is written in natural law that a country should be free and independent to decide its own destiny and to make its own laws. I wish to pledge my word of honor, and the word of honor of a soldier who has fought bravely and courageously, that my mission here is to

pose without paying the owner or operator for such use. Any of the aforementioned officials who fail to comply with the duty would be dealt with severely under Martial Law.

8. Any operator or driver of all the means of transportation enumerated who disobeys the mandatory order or refuses the use of his vehicle shall be subject to arrest under Martial Law.

Revaluation of Friar Lands Is Authorized

For the purpose of protecting the rights of purchasers of friar lands, President Jose P. Laurel has promulgated Executive Order No. 103 authorizing the revaluation and reclassification of friar lands purchased from the Government only upon application of the purchaser. The Executive Order also extends the period within which registered purchasers, whose contracts were duly recorded, may have expired, may acquire their rights. This period is for 120 days which shall begin on November 17, 1944, whenever they find wounded person or persons during and after enemy bombing in the streets or squares, taking them to hospitals, and they are authorized to stop the first available transportation, except those operating under the Imperial Japanese Army and Navy, and utilize them for the purpose of conveying the wounded.

Speaker Calls . . .

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"Remember always that by loving the native land, thou truly worshipst Him, for in so doing thou truly lovest thy fellowmen. "Engrave in thy heart that it is a great honor and privilege to give thy life for the redemption of thy country from slavery.

"Serenity, patience, forbearance and self-control are the work made possible the accomplishment of any worthy objective.

"Help with a good life and wealth are in danger incurred in the performance of a great task.

"Strive to the end that thy conduct may make itself an example worthy of emulation in obedience, and in the performance of a given task.

"Diligence in making a livelihood is true love and esteem for thyself, wife, child, brother or countrymen."

Let us practise these golden precepts of Bonifacio and thus honor him in deed on this his memorable birthday.

Tirona Grateful . . .

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the Sub-Committee on Relief, headed by the well-known social worker and leader, Mrs. Camilo Ozaeta, in this drive, spending their precious time and efforts, in spite of transportation difficulties and air-raid dangers, to make our drive for relief successful.

"To all the donors and prospective donors and to these distinguished social leaders, and to the Sub-Committee on Relief, the President, and the Special Committee on Relief, I express our most heartfelt appreciation. May God bless and reward all these sacrifices for the welfare of the poor and the needy."

assist this new-born Republic which is still in its infancy grow unmoored by any force from any source into strong virile nationhood.

"Gentlemen, it is a great pleasure for me to meet directly in this distinguished assembly of true and trusted colleagues of the President, in accordance with natural law and aspirations representing such as it does all ranks of society and all who wish to assure me and all, that my mission of defending the sovereignty and territorial integrity will be fulfilled even in the face of my own life and that of the Philippines destined to remain free and independent for all times and to be free from all antagonistic and hostile efforts to destroy or annul its freedom and independence.

"I ask permission of my host to be allowed to offer a toast. I drink to the health and success of His Excellency, the President of the Republic of the Philippines."

