

# Why I Will Vote for Dr. J. Laurel

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I join this contest not because I want to win and receive the prize. I join it because it is the best opportunity given by the National Weekly to every Filipino to express his conviction of the coming election.

Why I will vote for Dr. Jose P. Laurel. His records in private and political life is an open book that will speak of itself. He is honest and because of his honesty, he is the idol of the people of Batangas.

Dr. Laurel is a great and able leader. Before the war, he had been elected and represented his province for several years in congress. The ability of his leadership was proven in the past election when his candidate won by great margin over the candidate of the powerful combination of Roxas and Avellino. Despite the fact that his collaboration case was still pending at the People's Court

In intelligence and mental ability, he can be equaled but never surpassed by any living Filipino. When he was a member of the Quezon Cabinet he had always been called upon by President Quezon to give his opinion regarding our laws. Before the war and until now, he is the foremost and outspoken professor of law in many universities in Manila.

In government service, Dr. Laurel has longer and efficient training than any of the other candidates. He had been an assemblyman, a senator and also a delegate to the Philippine Constitutional Convention. He became Cabinet Head in different departments during the Quezon regime, and Associate Justice of the Supreme Court

The biggest issue at stake in the coming election is Collaboration versus graft and corruption. President Quirino and many others call Dr.



Dr. JOSE P. LAUREL

Laurel a collaborator. Yes, let us call him that because in time of war it is the only word appropriate to call a man who worked under an enemy. Whereas, in time of peace, it is different. A man who works for an enemy is not called a Collaborator but a Conqueror. So that is what we call MacArthur who is now in Japan spending millions of dollars so that Japan will rise from its ruins.

But why did Dr. Laurel collaborate with the enemy? He was in Manila when the Japanese attacked the Philippines with Pres. Quezon, Osmeña, Roxas, Abad Santos and other officials. Then came General MacArthur who fought hard but retreated to Australia for a better posi-

tion, leaving the Filipinos alone. Then President Quezon and Osmeña flew to America where they established our government in exile. Laurel stayed here together with other officials. At last, after bloody battles, Manila surrendered to the Japanese.

The enemy demanded from the Filipinos, money, food and human labor or services. Those who refused were killed. Of course, those who died during that time were heroes and patriots. Right. But the saying goes: "ONLY THOSE WHO WANT TO DIE DO NOT WANT TO SERVE." The enemy wanted a Filipino to run the Philippine Affairs under the supervision of the Japanese Army. At that time, there was no other man

except Dr. Laurel whom the enemy believed could lead the Filipino people, and the records of his honesty and intelligence had given the Japanese more faith and trust. Roxas was in Mindanao and Abad Santos was a prisoner, so there was no other man more able than he.

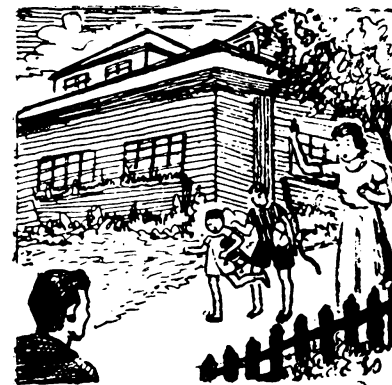
At the darkest hour of our country, Dr. Laurel accepted the position entrusted by the Japanese Army. He could have refused the position and died a hero but he wanted to serve the Filipino people so he became President of the Puppet Republic.

What has Dr. Laurel done for the Filipinos in Manila during the occupation? As Puppet Head, he was the only Filipino who had a better regard with the Japanese Army and the only one who could talk and ask what the Filipinos wanted. During that time no other Filipino was clever and brave enough to approach the Japanese Army for food or other necessities because once misunderstood, the head was cut off. At least with Dr. Laurel the Japanese would listen to him. Dr. Laurel had procured rice and medical supplies for the Filipinos in Manila otherwise not even one half of its population would have survived after the war. On the other hand, however, I must admit that there were Filipinos who did not receive rice and other assistance from him. It was because the supply could probably not reach them. One must not expect a leader to serve one by one all his constituents. Even in the United States, there are Americans who criticize Truman's administration and right in our country, there are Filipinos who speak bad of our leaders. It maybe because some of them have not received the favor and attention which others have. Yes. Dr. Laurel

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# WOMEN *and* HOME



## PRESIDING JUDGE



Judge Natividad Almeda Lopez who has been recently appointed by President Elpidio Quirino presiding judge of the Manila Municipal Court is the best example of a career woman who is also a successful mother and wife.

Although most of Judge Lopez' office hours are devoted to the bench, yet she has been able to fulfill the exacting demands of motherhood and be able to bring up and raise three lovely young things — Marita and Lulu Lopez who are students in a local women's college, and a boy. She is also active in social work including such organizations as the Philippine-American Guardian Association, the National Federation of Women's Clubs and the Catholic Women's League.

## MRS. TRINIDAD DE LEON ROXAS REMEMBERED ON HER BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Trinidad de Leon Roxas, widow of the late President Manuel Roxas, who has virtually gone into retirement since the death of her husband celebrated her birthday Tuesday this week with a tea-musical given by Carmen Planas in her honor and a lauriat party given by Clarita Tan Kiang.

On the eve of her birthday an asalto was staged at her residence at 5th street and

Broadway, New Manila, by the so-called kitchen cabinet composed of Mesdames Manuel Moran, Vicente Carmo- na, Ricardo Lacson, Agustin Liboro, Chedeng Araneta, Benigno Aquino, Pedro Vera, Jose de Leon, Encarnacion de Leon-Sevilla, Ernesto Rufino, Vicente Rufino, Rafael Rufino, Primitivo Lovina, Eugenio Lopez, Luis de Leon Amado Araneta, Fernando Lopez, Delfin Buencamino and Francisco Lopez

## Fish for Food

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When I was a young boy I went to a barbecue where whole pigs and turkeys and large pieces of beef were broiled over torrid beds of glowing coals. I was much impressed by the cook swabbing pungent barbecue sauce on the spitted meat as it was slowly turned to promote an even cooking. Later the spicy

tang of the cooked meat caused me to overeat so badly that I was temporarily indisposed.

The time came for our yearly family clambake with its steaming seaweed, gaping clams, milky white fish, bright red lobsters and golden ears of corn. As always I was an interested spectator. Driven by memories of the barbecue sauces, I asked my grandfather why he did not use something like that on his preparations and he replied,

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became a collaborator because he wanted to serve and had served the Filipino people during that perilous period.

Let us come to Graft, Corruption and Extravagance under the present administration. You imagine the immigration racket, surplus deals, Crop Loans, Beer Transactions, Junkets, Costly Bed, and Nacoco Scandal. And very recently, it was published that our government is

facing a deficit of P14,000,000.00. At this rate we are losing government's money, it would double or triple the figure if President Quirino is elected.

Now think who would make a good President. The man who is honest, the man with intelligence, leadership and courage or the man who wastes people's money and brings the country into bankruptcy. Therefore, let us vote for Dr. Laurel for a clean, and efficient government.



The late President and Mrs. Manuel Roxas.

"Son, the less you tamper with Gods bounty from the sea, the better it tastes." In keeping with this pronouncement, I do not remember ever having any seafood at my grandfather's house that was spiced by more than salt, pepper and salt pork. However, if a clam chowder was made, a few pieces of clam shell had to be in the pot and if shrimp soup was the order of the day shrimp shells were there to flavor it.

In most cases fish does not take kindly to associations with other meats. This is probably because its delicate flavor cannot combat the others and come out of the conflict with any semblance of individuality. The French have combined the fermented anchovy with various fish preparations with some success so now New Englanders