

RICOA Starts Buying 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 and 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, Messrs. Teofilo Sison, Leon G. Guinto, Hilarión S. Silayan, Ricardo Gonzales, Vicente Singson Encarnación, and Eulogio Rodriguez, Sr. Arturo Tango is the Managing Director, with Army Administrator G. T. Uzaki 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 and will greatly 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, Baliwag, and San Rafael, whose populations have practically doubled since June.

About forty kilometers from Manila, surrounded by ricefields and fishponds, Malolos has always been self-sufficient, and the townspeople, sensing the boom that 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, for there is no food problem here, and the prices of foodstuffs have 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 ₱150 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 (Continued on page 3)

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

At a state dinner tendered in honor of General Tomoyuki Yamasita, Highest Commander of the Imperial Japanese Forces in the Philippines, by President Jose P. Laurel at Malacañan the other Sunday, the Hero of Singapore declared that his mission of helping the independent Philippines grow unmolested 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

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

NATIONAL HEROES' DAY PROGRAM WILL BE GIVEN BY RADIO

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 Pio 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 Malacañan 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 quiet 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 period of emergency.

TIRONA GRATEFUL FOR NEW DONATIONS

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

Minister Tirona's statement in full follows:

"In the midst of the present plight of our people, when many homes are visited by the spectre 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 of children, old and destitute 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 say that he is very deeply impressed by the generous and spontaneous response being given by many of our countrymen and foreigners to our call for relief of the suffering people, as well as by the great and disinterested activity shown by the distinguished ladies constituting

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

By BENIGNO S. AQUINO
Speaker, National Assembly
Vice-President and Director-General, KALIBAPI

National Heroes' Day comes once a year as a timely reminder of the historic struggles of our people to attain national independence and racial dignity. It comes at this time to evoke in us memories of a past rich in the sacrifice and achievement of men of our own race, of our own blood, who have given of themselves unsparringly so that the ideal of centuries may be realized and so that their posterity may enjoy the blessings of a life of freedom, honor and security.

Amidst the sufferings that today torture 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 long and painfully chartered 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 wherever 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 pageantry 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 deserving of the legacy that has been 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 unextinguished even amidst 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 primarily commemorated, Andres Bonifacio, "Father of the Katipunan," than by recalling some of his chosen words:

"Worship the Creator with all (Continued on page 2)

DOCUMENTARY STAMPS DEMAND GROWS HEAVY

An extraordinarily heavy demand for documentary stamps has been noted recently, confidential sources have informed the Republic. This indicates heavy transactions 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 among heavy buyers are government officials. One particular buyer is reported to have purchased no less than ₱500,000 worth of documentary stamps, and still another, ₱300,000.

While there have been heavy demands for special stamp issues of the Republic since one year ago, specially those cancelled at the Manila post-office, this is the first time that the bureau of customs and internal revenue has experienced something akin to a boom in documentary stamp sale.

Priority Given To Homeless City Residents

Preference Is Granted To Persons Who Lose Houses In Emergency

In order to provide homes for city residents who have been dispossessed 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 residential 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 leased, preference being given to city residents who have been dispossessed 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 (Continued on page 2)

Aid Of Church Heads Sought

In a circular letter to all church dignitaries and heads of religious organizations, Minister of Home Affairs Teofilo Sison, in his capacity as Chief Delegate 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 institutions 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 letter follows: "During these crucial 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 (Continued on page 2)

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 holiday dedicated to the National Service Association known as *Kapisanan sa Paglilingkod sa Bagong Pilipinas*.

Assistant 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 speak on the Kalibapi 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, Bulacan, at the time the war engulfed 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 shippers of cucumbers to Manila. They turned their backyards into cucumber plots, and persuaded the neighbors in Pasolo, Polo, to do likewise. Today, with a weekly yield of 5,000 cucumbers weighing about a kilo (Continued on page 2)

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, a representative of the Republic made the rounds of shoe stores still open, on Rizal Avenue, Azcarraga, and the Escolta, to see how shoe prices have advanced criminally.

In the two biggest shoe stores on Azcarraga 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 price tags of ₱350.

In the Escolta 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 prewar vintage, on the alleged ground that they are "genuine," are priced all the way from ₱1,000 to ₱2,600 a pair. These are the same shoes that sold for ₱4.50, ₱5.00, and ₱5.50, at most ₱10.00, just prior to the war in the Philippines. In one place, the Republic representative was able to count no less than 15 dozen pairs of shoes above the ₱1,000 price range.

Prospective buyers who do not have bagfuls of money to shell out were heard to mutter under their breath: "Magnanakaw, mga swa-pang, itong magkasapatos!"

Indeed, when people have to walk wherever they want to go, they have to have shoes. The dealers, it seems, are to make a pile, to mulct the public, is a mild way of saying it.

Republic Letters

November 17, 1944
Editor of The Republic

Dear Mr. Editor:
The Minister of Health, Labor and Public Welfare had been kind enough to call my attention and translate to me an article in the "Tagalog Section" of the last issue of The Republic under the caption of "tayotayoismo" in which the following denunciations are made:

(a) That the NADISCO and the BIBA are managed under the "tayotayo" system whereby certain Government employees through the intervention of their respective Chiefs are getting double rations and certain benefits improperly;

(b) That certain agencies for procurement are supplying commodities only to Government officials and employees to the prejudice of the public in general and at the expense of the Government funds, not to mention the waste of time that it represents.

The aforementioned article is a direct criticism against certain organizations and agencies under the Ministry of Economic Affairs. I welcome it; but, I would wish it to be more specific. It contains nothing but generalities which may serve to poison or add fuel to the already burning soul of the masses against the utter inability of the Government to adequately supply their needs for reasons that everybody knows, but in no way help our efforts to remedy such deplorable state of things.

In view thereof, may I request that specific cases of favoritism be submitted to us or even published so that the evil may be corrected and the recurrence of it avoided for the benefit of the public and the improvement of the service?

For your information:—Aside from the BIBA whose activities practically became paralyzed since September, 1944, the Ministry of Economic Affairs has three agencies for procurement: the NADISCO, for food substitutes and other essentials; NACOCO, for coconuts; and the Fresh Fish Corporation, for fresh fish. As far as we know, unless the author of the article has a better information, all that is secured by or through the NADISCO, namely: fish or pork although in limited quantities, had been and are being served to the public through the MCCA; same may be said with regards to coconuts procured by the NACOCO. As to fresh fish which due to the present circumstances can only consist in "bañugs", it was also served through the MCCA at the beginning, but it happened that due to the perishable nature of the commodity and its very limited quantity, it was not advisable to distribute it through the MCCA.

For such reason the agency was directed to the same to distribute to the different Government agencies. Incidentally, may I know if the "Republika" is against the policy of helping charitable institutions and the employees of the Government? It would not be out of place to state that His Excellency, the President, with all the members of his Cabinet, favors such policy. And the reason is that the employees and ordinarily all those with fixed income, in times of monetary inflation are the most badly hit and unless the Government does its best to help them, the alternative for them is to perish or rob.

With my highest regards,
PEDRO SABIDO
(Minister of Economic Affairs)

Editor's Note:—We appreciate the general attitude of Minister Sabido on the matter of newspaper criticism. It sets him apart from others we know, whose reaction is hardly that of intelligent men. While we would be happy to comply with the Minister's request for specification of cases, we regret that, for lack of personnel, we cannot do so very fully all the many cases brought to our attention from time to time. However, we believe we need only remind him that in the heads, over the phone and on the desks of all procurement organization managers are always many special requests for special attention and accommodation signed by or requests coming from high officials which when "specially" served "first" in effect, deprive attention to the MCCA's and the less fortunate public without special connections. This does not need any investigation. It is a fact that everybody knows and sees everyday. At any rate, we call our readers' attention to this kind of violation of the Minister to bring cases of favoritism to his attention direct or thru us.

Day To Day War Activity On Leyte Front Reviewed

Nov. 17, Friday.—Furious land battles continue to feature the fighting in Leyte, according to Domei dispatches. In the Carigara sector, the enemy are desperately rushing reinforcements to the 24th division which has been isolated and are facing annihilation, with their retreat cut off.

In the other sectors of Jaro, Dagami and Burauen the Japanese forces hold on their positions, in spite of desperate enemy attempts to dislodge them, which cost the enemy serious losses.

Nov. 18, Saturday.—Latest reports from Leyte indicate that despite reinforcements for enemy forces, which now number about seven (7) divisions, the Japanese garrison troops continue to hold their positions, inflicting heavy losses on the enemy. This determined defense makes possible the landing of reinforcements to Nippon forces.

Raiding the Burauen airfield, army air activity accounted for five (5) large planes set ablaze and a dozen damaged.

Nov. 19, Sunday.—The Japanese forces in the Managanas area, south of Pinamopan, have taken the initiative and pushed back enemy forces towards a narrow beachhead.

In the Carigara sector, the Japanese forces steadily gained ground

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less than ₱50 a kilo, whereas in Manila, this food commodity sells at more than ₱120 per kilo. Crabs, shrimps, oranges, and an infinite variety of fruits abound.

The earlier evacuees were persons of means who were seeking the comparative safety of this rural place where life has always been pleasant and safe, in peace and in war. They came in the spirit of picnickers. Then came the B and S crowds, specially those who had accumulated bagfuls of money, followed by the unemployed, the pickpockets, and the beggars.

As a result, during daytime, the most every streetcorner is a mart, and every man with a ring, a necklace, or a polo shirt for sale, has a ready buyer, for the inhabitants of the barrios come daily with their produce and with their money they buy the things they need and can secure immediately.

Every house in the town proper has three to eight families for neighbors. They have a community kitchen, but they have the privacy of their own individual rooms. In the daytime, they cultivate a community garden, and at night, with no blackouts, they play card games or read. There is a heavy demand for reading matter.

The peace and quiet of this rural place has lately been disturbed by the appearance of those sly folks who victimize people's pockets in broad daylight. In their train, too, have come the beggars. But these are problems, more for officials to solve, than the evacuees to bother about.

Priority Given . . .

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any other reason connected with the present war operations.

"SEC. 2. The new lessee and the representative of the owner of former lessee in charge of the premises shall, before occupancy by the former, make or cause to be made an accurate inventory of the personal property, effects or other belongings found therein, one copy of which shall be kept by the new lessee and another copy by said representative. Should the representative refuse to be a party to the making of the inventory, or should there be no such representative, the president of the district association or leader of the neighborhood association to which said owner or former lessee belonged, shall represent them in the transaction and shall keep the copy pertaining to the same. The new lessee shall be charged with the safekeeping and custody of all inventoried property and be liable to the owner or former lessee for any loss, disappearance or damage suffered thereby while they remain under his control if the same is due to his willful act or negligence. If for some reason or other the new lessee is deprived of, or compelled on his own initiative to leave the premises, he shall surrender the

and have repulsed all counter efforts of the enemy forces.

Nov. 21, Tuesday.—The Japanese air force on November 17 and 18 sank three and heavily damaged four transport off Tacloban, as per announcement of the Imperial General Headquarters on Nov. 20th.

Maintaining their position firmly against desperate enemy attacks, the Japanese forces in the Dagami sector repulsed the enemy who left not less than 900 killed on the field, besides 3 tanks disabled and other heavy equipment.

Nov. 22, Wednesday.—Japanese air units sank two cruisers and heavily damaged one aircraft carrier in an attack against an enemy task force in the seas east of the Philippines, on Nov. 19th.

The Imperial General Headquarters also announced that 4 American transports in Leyte Gulf were heavily damaged and set ablaze on Nov. 18th.

Nov. 23, Thursday.—Reports reaching Manila reveal the enemy encirclement of the trapped 24th division is tightened in the Carigara sector, thus preventing the decimated enemy forces from receiving reinforcements from the 32nd division.

Nov. 24, Friday.—Continuing their air activities, Japanese air units on Nov. 23, in spite of inclement weather, followed up their attacks on Burauen airfield, and attacks on surrounding territory, making direct hits and blasting military establishments.

In the Jaro and Ormoc sectors, death-defying Japanese units carried out daring, surprise attacks on American heavy-gun positions. They silenced most of the 820-centimeter "Canet" guns being used for the first time by the Japanese in the campaign, especially in the Ormoc area to try to smash Japanese superiority.

Nov. 25, Saturday.—Japanese air units on Nov. 21 and 23 attacked an enemy convoy and escort fleet in the seas east of Mindanao, sinking or damaging four warcraft, including one aircraft carrier and one transport, as announced by the Imperial General Headquarters.

In the land fighting, the continued offensive of the Japanese units in the area west of Carigara have pushed back enemy troops to Colasian and Capocan where they have been cornered. Japanese columns continue to gain ground steadily. The enemy 32 and 24th divisions continue to be encircled by the Nippon troops in the other sectors.

the same and all inventoried property to the representative of the owner or former lessee, or to the president of the district association or leader of the neighborhood association concerned in default of the former.

"SEC. 3. The amount of rentals that shall be charged for the lease of buildings made available hereunder shall be governed by the provisions of Executive Order No. 117, as amended by Executive Order No. 89, dated October 31, 1944. The rentals in case the representative of the former owner or lessee refuse to accept tender of payment or if there be no such representative, may be deposited with the Clerk of the Court of First Instance of Manila in the same manner and under the same conditions prescribed by law for consignation of the thing due.

"SEC. 4. Within thirty days after the date of promulgation of this order all presidents of district associations in the City of Manila shall submit a report to the Central Housing Committee as last reconstituted under Executive Order No. 91, dated September 27, 1944, of all residential buildings or parts thereof, subject to occupancy under this Order. All persons, who, under Section 1 hereof, are given preference in the lease of such buildings may secure information from said Committee relative to the availability of the same.

"SEC. 5. Any person in charge of, or exercising control or possession of any residential building or part thereof made available for occupancy under this Order, who refuses to deliver possession of the premises to the new lessee after the making of the inventory prescribed in Section 2 hereof, or who excludes said lessee therefrom, or in any other way disturbs him the peaceful possession and enjoyment thereof, shall be held guilty of an offense and upon conviction shall be

LAUREL PRESSES MAYOR FOR HEALTH CAMPAIGN

In a letter commending the Military Government's clean-up campaign recently, President Jose P. Laurel urged that the City Mayor give the drive his immediate attention and asked him to report on its progress.

The President stated that the health of the citizens concerns him gravely, especially at this time when their low vitality makes them susceptible to sickness, adding that the insidious condition of the city is a serious menace to health and unless timely corrected may give rise to sickness in epidemic proportions.

"Not much effort is needed to correct the situation," the President wrote in part, referring to the uncollected garbage and waste which litter the City. "A willingness of heart, a determination to do one's little share and civic pride, should move every citizen to action."

Kamay Na . . .

dumano ng malalaking ariarian sa kabikabla, gayon din ang isang talaan ng mga mangangalakal na "pinlano" sa pamilihang itim.

Sinasabi ring bagaman mayroon nang kautusan sa tela at damit ay marami pang pintungang ari ng mga mamamayang dayuhan ang nagtinglag at naglalabas ng lihim ng mga panindang ito, at ito'y hindi isang lihim ng Pulisya. (30)

500 Homeguard . . .

sig ang tanodnayan ay gagamitin ng buhong tinulisan sa dulo. Naitalan sa City Hall na magtatatala rin ng hindi kukulangin sa dalawang pulis sa bawat kuarter ng tanodnayan.

Samantala, ipinatatatas din na 500 pang bagong pulis ang kukunin ng MC sa madaling panahon. Si Komandante Gregorio Ligtug ay itinalagang pinuno ng mga pulis na nakainiporme, samantala si Komandante Eduardo Quintos ay siyang inilagay na pinunong tagapagpaganap ng MC. Si Kapitan Juan Villasantay ay katulong ni Komandante Quintos. (30)

amenable to the penalties prescribed under Section 4 of Act No. 39, otherwise known as the Emergency Powers Law.

"SEC. 6. All laws, orders, ordinances, rules or regulations or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

"SEC. 7. This Order shall take effect immediately upon its promulgation."

TALUMPATI NG PANGULO

NIHAYAG NI LAUREL ANG BALANGKAS NG NAGSASARILING BAGONG PILIPINAS

(Karaglong ng talumpati ng Pangulong Jose P. Laurel na binigkas sa pagdiriwang sa kaarawan ng pagsasarili ng Pilipinas noong ika-14 ng Oktubre)

Ni ang mga naghihikahos at nagsisipagtiis ay hindi pinababayaan. Isa sa mga unang batas ng Kapulungang Pambansa ay ang paglalagan ng dalawang pangaw na piso ukol sa pagsaklolo at pagpapalitan ng buhay ng mga bayan. Ang mga mamamayan, lalo na yang mga salanta, balo, ulila at iba pang mga taong dukha, na nagdaranas ng hirap na bunga ng digmaan. Ang Lupon sa Saklolo na pinangunguluhan ng Kagawad-Bansa sa Kalusugan, Paggawa at Kagalingang-bayan na aking ginhihirang upang maminihala sa guguring ito ay nakatapos na sa pamamahagi nito at kahi't ngayo'y namamahagi ng dalawang pangaw na piso pa na kamakailan ay iniabuloy ng Hukbong Imperial ng Happon ukol sa saklolong pangkagipitan. Karapatapat bangitin ang ginagawa ngayon ng Kawaligang ng mga Beterano na aking nililikha upang siyang kumalaga sa mga lumahok sa digma, gayundin sa kanilang mga balo at ulila. Ang mga Kusinaang-bayan, na itinatatag ng Pamahalaan upang magpakain sa mga hikahos sa Lunsod ng Maynila ay gumagawa ng kapuripuring paglilingkod.

Maging ang mga pangkat ng manggagawa ay hindi nalilimit ng pamahalaan, lalo na yang na-

Tatanggap Ng Damit At Ibang Abulyo

Ang tanging lupon tagasaklolo na itinatag ng Pangulong Laurel upang lumikom ng mga abulyo na pamasko ng libo-ibong dukha sa Maynila ay nagpatalastas na bukod sa salapi ay nakahanda silang tumanggap ng damit, mga kagamitan at ibang pangunang kailangan. Ang mga abulyo ay maaaring ipadala kay Direktor Honorario Poblador ng Kagalingang-bayan o kay Mr. F. Fukumoto ng Philippine Publications.

Tayotayoismo . . .

Hindi pa nakukuha ang rasyon ay sinasabing naidas na.—F. Jalbuna.

Divisoria Market.—Ang inyong pansin sa "Tayotayoismo" sa bilang ng Republic noong ika-13 ng Nobiembre ay dapat makatutala sa kaalaman ng Pangulong Laurel. Naniiniwala akong hindi ipahihintulot ng mabunying Pangulo ng Republika ang pagtatangiang sa pamamahagi at pagtatanggap ng mga unang kailangan sa buhay, lalo pa sa panahong ito na ang tunay na bayan ay nakaunang sa gutom. Ang mga kumataw ng go-bierno ay mang talong buwang sahod at bonus at may rasyon pang mga pulubi ay may Timbulan. Ang bayang kakawagkaway ay no naiman ang sukat asahan?—Melanio Burgos.

2727 S. del Rosario.—Ako'y isang lider ng neighborhood association, at ipinatatagat kong naguguluhan akong lubha sa isang rasyon na mayroon kang pamilyang kakalutasin, may hahatlin at mayroon hindi. Ang kaguluhang ito ay buunga ng kanikaniyang rasyon sa mga kagawaran at kawanihan ng go-bierno. Sinabi ay hindi na dapat rasyon ng neighborhood ang kawanihan ng pamahalaan, ngunit kawat na sa aming umiing ng kamagana ng isang pulis na itinangka kong alisin sa senso ng mga dapat tumanggap ng "prime commodities," pagka't siya raw ay miembro ng MCCA at may karapatan siyang kumuhang rasyon. Ang isip ko ay nabemang ako nang hindi oras.—Jeremias Lopez.

Garage No. 1.—Hindi po naman lahat ng nagtatrabaho sa go-bierno ay tumatangag ng tanong rasyon. Ako'y isang baridor sa daan na tauhan ng Siudad, ngunit wala akong rasyon ni ulaluhing kamote ni sigarilyong ginayut. Ang pagkaalam ko ay yon lamang malalaki sa City Hall ang nakasesguro ng rasyon, na umano'y kahongkahong tabako sa Federacion, sakosakong mais sa Nafecor at sakosako ring kamote sa iba pang ahensya. Ang kawikaan ko na lamang ay talagang ganito sa buhay na ito: mayroong may mabuting estrella at mayroon namang estrellado.—Eriberto Catindig.

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Ngagisipagbungkal ng ating mga bukid. Binabalak nito ang pagpapasok ng mga pangunahing pagbabago sa ating mga batas hinggil sa lupa at sa napakatandang pamamaraan ukol sa kasama na umiiral dito sa atin. Ang unang tiyag na habang tungo rito ay ang kautusang nagtatadhana ng pagbibili sa pamamagitan ng lote at sa ilalim ng napakaluwag na paraan ng pagbabayag ng lupang saklaw ng Asyenda Buenavista (Buenavista Estate) sa mga talagang nagsisipagpaganap. Sa sundanon ito ng paghahati-hati sa mga malaking asyenda at ng pagtatakd sa laki ng mga lupang pribado na masasaka na maaaring tumuhin o arin ng mga mamamayan at ng mga samahan. Sa huli, ang ninanais na pagkakatatanggap ng ating pamumuhay sa pagsasaka ay kailangang matatama sa pamamagitan ng paglikha ng isang kakaraming pangkat ng mga may-ari ng maliliit na lupa, samantalan kasabay na hinahati sa mga katamtamang laki ang mga kasalukuyang malalaking lupain. Ang mahahalagang pagbabagong ito sa pagmamahagi ng lupa, kung ganap nang naisip ng aming mga magbubungang nang magkasiyaya sa kabuuan ng ating lipunan. (Itutulyo sa susunod na bilang)