

# The Revitalization of our AGRICULTURE, INDUSTRIES and COMMERCE

*IN the eve of her independence, the Philippines is faced with serious and momentous problems, which challenge the statesmanship of her leaders and the patriotism of every Filipino. The wanton destructions wrought by the Pacific War have set Philippine economy half a century back. Due to operations of war, cities, towns and even barrios lay in ruins and ashes, agriculture is in a prostrate condition, animal population is decimated, and our exports have faded to nothing. The immediate need of the country is undelayed rehabilitation and reconstruction. Our President is exerting all efforts in Washington toward getting ample aid from the United States to enable us to meet this immediate need.*

*The long-range solution of the problems confronting us consists in the revitalization of our agriculture, industries and commerce. The natural wealth of the country must be developed, through a systematic exploitation and husbanding of her diverse agricultural resources. Her industries should be promoted and multiplied, by creating new ones. Her commerce should be expanded by means of proper planning and organization. In other words, the agriculture, industries, and commerce of the country should be developed, revitalized and expanded to such a level that will enable them to produce sufficient revenue to meet the mounting expenditures of an independent Government and to maintain moderately high standard of living among the people, thus insuring individual contentment and happiness. Toward this end the Department of Agriculture and Commerce is dedicated.*

*I congratulate the publishers and editors of the "Farming and Cooperatives" magazine in coming out in the field of journalism with a periodical having aims and objectives identical with those of the Department of Agriculture and Commerce. Its announced policy "to cooperate with the government for the speedy rehabilitation of Philippine economy" is particularly timely and encouraging, for it is now more than ever when there is an imperative need of concourse and unity of efforts in attaining a speedy reconstruction and rehabilitation of the Philippines.*

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## The NEED for GUIDANCE and ENCOURAGEMENT

*PHILIPPINE agriculture has suffered tremendous losses during the war. Cultivated farms have been devastated, work animals slaughtered for food; farm machineries, implements and tools lost or destroyed; industrial processing and manufacturing establishments wrecked or denuded of equipment; seeds and planting materials lost and cultivated crops reduced to such an extent that now the country faces one of the most serious food shortages in its history. Exports of agricultural products which constituted the main pillar of our national economy have been reduced to nil. The rehabilitation of these damaged industries is a task that requires not only the government effort but as well as the united strength of all the people, faith in our future, unlimited patience and full determination to work and work and work, but also very careful planning and execution of such well-laid out plans. There is lack of almost everything necessary for farm work and for the industrial processes in agricultural production. As a con-*