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Republic's Goal Reiterated **By President**

Gov't Of, By And For Filipinos Is Objective, He Tells Guests

President Jose P. Laurel reiterated his unswerving belief that the Filipinos can be happy only if they are left alone to manage their own destiny in an extemporaneous speech before bureau directors, assistant directors, and managers of government-owned or controlled corporations whom he had as luncheon guests at Malacanan Tuesday last week. He reminded his guests, whom he called his collaborators in the Republic, that the goal of his Administration is a government of the Filipinos, by the Filipinos and for the Filipinos, alone and exclusion." The

"As I said on one occasion," the President declared, "it is not because we are dissatisfied or cament remedy a given situation or that we are not in a position to carrect certain injustices, it is not because of hunger and starvation, that we Filipinos will abandon our goal ard aspiration. You and I may not live long enough to achieve (Continued on page 2)

SANVICTORES OFFERS AGRICULTURAL PLAN

Speaking on the opening day of the conference on agriculture and animal husbandry last week, Chairman Jose G. Sanvictores proposed and outlined a program for the agricultural regeneration of the Philippines based on the findings of the agricultural survey commission which recently made an intensive study and survey of the agriculture of Taiwan.

Chairman Sanvictores of the survey commission proposed the following: the construction of small irrigation systems and the building of small reservoirs in places where there are no streams to tap to catch and store water for use during the dry months to insure crops against drought; the replacement of inferior seed varieties with superior ones; the popularization of the use of farmmade fertilizer—compost—along with the promotion (Continued on page 2)

Obedience, Charity Urged By O'Doherty

Besides urging loyal and strict compliance with all rules and regulations designed to insure peace and the welfare of the people in war-time, particularly those calculated to protect the civilian population from the effects of bombing, Archbishop O'Doherty in a message to vicars forane urges the practice of charity.

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The archbishop says that some of the fatal incidents occurring in Manila during air-raids would have been avoided or at least minimized had the victims carefully followed the instructions issued by the proper officials. He, therefore, strongly suggests more careful observance of such instructions.

"Our Christmas resolution

"Our Christmas resolution should be," the message continues, "to respect the rights of property, living in peace and patience, in obedience to all the laws of charity and justice."

NATION'S INDIGENTS AIDED BY GOVERNMENT

Considerable help has been rendered and is being rendered by the government of the Republic to

country. Cash or material relief amounting to millions have been spent and rehabilitation and so-cial welfare work done through numerous public and private wel-fare stations, convalescent and war widows' homes, food produc-tion and vocational projects.

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The sphere of activity covers no less than 30 provinces, 6 cities, and 280 municipalities.

Convalescent homes established to help provincial released war prisoners, number 16. There are 28 food production projects put up and an equal number of vocational projects.

As of a few months ago, incomplete reports show that upwards of 309,345 families with dependents numbering 1,549,225 have been aided, while 10,311 persons and their dependents of approximately 68,060 have been given work relief assignments.

Out of the P2,000,000 Relief Fund, P1,189,989.19 has already been released to provincial and city relief committees. General government appropriations amounting to 71,393,144.72, together with sweepstake funds and numerous donations have also been spent for the relief of the sufferings masses.

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Highest Commander Calls For Bold Spirit, Deed In "Makapili" Message

Courtesy And Valor Are One In Gen. Yamasita

As a token of sincere respect and esteem for President Laurel, as head of the Republic of the Philippines, General T. Yamasita, Highest Commander of the Imperial Japanese Army in the islands, went out of his way at the "Makapill" inaugural ceremony to give the former precedence in leaving the platform.

"With the program completed," with the program completed, the Tribune reported in its Saturday issue, "the "a. mblage dispersed. General Yamasita's car drove to the platform first, but the general in a demonstration of sincere esteem for President Laurel, ordered his driver to park it by the curve until the President's car came. He saw the President's car came. He saw the President Surguery in front of the Legislative Building to his walting car."

Indeed, as the Spanish saying goes, "Lo cortes no quita le valiente," which may be translated as meaning "Courtesy does not rob one of valor." Gen. Yamasita, the very personification of valor is also the acme of refinement.

City Hall Essay Contest Stirs Widespread Interest

Widespread interest has been stirred by a literary essay contest announced last week by Military Governor Leon G. Guinto on the subject, "is There a Filipino Nation?" The contest was inspired by an editorial of the Tribune which posed the rhetorical question. A total of 14 prizes will be given to the winners.

Entries may be in English, Taglog or Spanish and should not be less than ten (10) pages of regular-sized typewriting paper, double-spaced, answering with a categorical "Yes" the subject of the contest. The contest is open to everybody and ends on December 25.

Four of the prizes will be awarded to the best patriotic pictures depicting our struggle for emancipation.

Cloth Ration Tickets Being Rehabilitated

Cloth ration tickets are being rehabilitated by the NADISCO, it was announced last Saturday. Only family heads and immediate members of the family may bring the tickets, accompanied by the school and residence tax certificates or DANA identification card. Mutilated tickets and those whose information on the stubs has been altered, erased and tampered with shall be confiscated. In this connection, the NADISCO issued its warning to traffickers of cloth ration tickets. Those arrested with falsified tickets are subject to severe punishment.

Patriotic Motives Praised, Sound Advice Given On League Inaugural Ceremony Attended By High Officials

Vigorously asserting the supremacy of the government of the Republic over any and all organizations of Filipinos within the country, President Laurel clearly marked out the field within which the "Makapili" headed by Benigno Ramoz, well-known Ganap leader, and ex-Assemblyman Pio Duran, new Vice-Minister of Home Affairs, with General Artemio Ricarte as highest adviser, will function, in a speech delivered at the ceremony inaugurating the new patriotic league last Friday afternoon in front of the Legislative Building.

In the same program and from the same platform, General Tomoyuki Yamasita, Highest Commander of the Imperial Japanese Army in the Philippines, urged the new group "boldly to forge ahead with me in both spirit and deed and contribute to the attainment of eternal peace and welfare of Greater East Asia," offering the organization maximum support.

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President Laurel declared that suffered banishment. He lived in the newly organized, "Makapili" Japan for nearly four decades until the Imperial Japanese Forces as the Patriotic League of the Filipinoe must work in harmony and in cooperation with the government of the Republic and with other similar organizations seeking to conserve and strengthen that Republic. He emphasized the point that the "Makapili" must submit to the government of the Republic, from which it is neither distinct nor separate, as any organization that attempts to be over or obstruct the government must, of necessity, be guilty of seeking to destroy the Republic itself and the work of Japan an which has facilitated its establishment.

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"On this momentous occasion, we celebrate three important events. The first is of world import and historic significance, the Greater East Asia War, the third anniversary of which falls today. The second is national in scope and importance, the Kapisanan Sangar Pilipinas, Kalibapi for short, which celebrates on the same date its second anniversary. And the third is the newest and latest national organization, a patriotic undertaking, the Kalipunang Makabayan and hing and pring over his country because to him there is only one flag,—the Sun and the Stars. For that patriotic fervor and conviction, he

December 8 will forever remain a memorable day in our calendar because it marks the moment when Japan sought to set aright, through war, what she considered an unjust and undignified situation in this part of the world, President Jose P. Laurel declared in a press statement on the occasion of the third anniversary of the Greater East Asia War.

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Aquino Appeals For National Unity In Kalibapi Day Speech

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

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RICOA Warns Against

Bringing Rice To City

Persons bringing rice to Manila from the provinces were warned against continuing to do so last week by the RICOA. According to the warning issued, the transportation of rice is a clear violation of Ordinance No. 44, which was recently issued by President Jose P. Laurel.

Much has already been writter about the KALIBAPI: we know that, as a historical fact, in the past it has been an instrument of popular action for the quick compliance with the conditions imposed upon us so that our independence might be proclaimed and recognized within the shortest time possible and also for the urgent and immediate organization of our epople's government. Its present with the shortest time possible and also for the urgent and within the shortest time possible and also for the urgent and within the shortest time possible and also for the urgent and with the shortest time possible and also for the urgent and immediate organization of our epople's government. Its present with the conditions impossible and also for the urgent and urgent and

Commission under the Japanese Military Administration. In one of the paragraphs of the said Ordinance the following is stated as one of the primordial objectives of the Association:

"To render such assistance to the government as would bring about the rapid reconstruction of the Philippines and the rehabilitation of its people for which purpose it shall strive to secure the unification of the Filipino people by instilling in them the conviction that the permanent security, wellbeing and happiness of the Filipinos depend on the perpetuation of the independence and the preservation of the territorial integrity of the Philippines."

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GEA War Made Asians Aware Of Their Noble Destiny -- Recto By CLARO M, RECTO

Minister of State for Foreign Affairs

It has been said that war is the great accelerator of history. It hastens social, political and economic revelutions everywhere; it speeds up the rate of advance in industry, science and invention. What would, in time of peace, require a decade or two to accomplish often takes but a year or less to realize in time of war. Changes once regarded as remote or improbable take place in the twinkling of an eye, as it were, and aspirations that once seemed Utopian come within the realm of reality. Centuries are telescoped in an hour, and as we watch mighty empires fall and new ones rise to take their place, we are compelled to acknowledge that war is, indeed, in spite of its destructive power, the one irresistible propeller of his-

torical change.

No war in history fits this description more truly than the war which broke out in East Asia three years ago today. When the Japanese Empire decided to send its intrepid forces by land and air and sea to crush the enemy and reduce the citadels of his power, little did the world suspect that the decision would produce within a short period of time historical changes of a radical and far-reaching character. Those changes have taken place—we all have been witnesses to them. We have seen these (Continued on page 2)

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Watch our next issue: Pres. Laurel's Nat'l Survival Program Interpreted. The Philippines 25 Years Hence---By Hon. Claro M. Recto.

Aquino Appeals (Continued from page 1)

National Assembly passed Act No. 12 designating December 4th of every year as KALIBAPI DAY. With the approval of this Act the Assembly has consecrated in a definitive and indisputable manner the importance and national significance of this institution.

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To comply with the purposes and objectives of the KALIBAPI, there could be nothing more appropriate than to present on this occasion to the people of the Philippines the problem of our national survival in its racial, social, political, and economic aspects, granting that the latter three—the social, political, and economic aspects, granting that the latter three—the social, political, and economic obseeds—are mere corolaries of the first, that is, of racial survival, because the extinction or the reduction to insignificance of our acce makes unnecessary and futile to speak of social, political, and economic institutions that support or exalt it. The great capacity, influence, and power of a race depend upon the degree of its development in quantity and quality; on its preparation for patriotic nationhood and its national discipline; on its indomitable courage to realize individual and collective aspirations; on its faith and absolute confidence in its own powers. It is imperative that every one should feel proud of his race. Peoples devoid of racial consciousness or pride can never reach the full plenitude of their power or national glory, because they are doomed to slavery.

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By its geographical position, the Philippines now finds itself in the very centre of the mealstrom that now disturbs the great Pacific. Three years ago, when hostilities began between the United States of America, Great Britain, and Holland on the one hand and the Empire of Japan on the other, the latter country spread its overwhelming hosts upon the whole sphere of Greater East Asia. Being as we were under American sovereignty, we made common cause with her and the generous blood of our youth was copiously shed in all the battle-fronts. The merciless war followed its implacable course which recognizes no end but victory. It rushed lives: burnt into ashes countless public and private properties; destroyed buildings, roads, and all kinds of structures, and practically pulverized all obstacles placed in its way, and the former sovereignty was driven away from these Oriental lands. Now America once again is attempting the reconquest of the Philippines because she needs these islands to come nearer to her enemy and to have extensive and strategic bases for military operations; and once more our fields are being converted into the theater of a more sanguinary war which brings again in its wake widespread desolation and death. During the entire period of our Calvary we have always been propitiatory victims of the Apocalyptic evils, for, as I have said on another occasion, when the interests of the powerful nations are at stake the existence of weaker peoples receives from them a merely relative consideration; and the clash of arms of the combatants, developing as it develops upon our soil, we have, necessarily, to suffer, perhaps more than they, the horrible ordeals of war, with their long sequel of misery, hunger and epidemics of all kinds; and the most trivial ailments may develop into serious cases for lack of adequate medicines; and because of our continuous fears and anxieties and the high cost of foodstuffs our physical resistance has become lower and weaker.

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But the worst of all remains to be stated: the horrible spectacle which we daily witness—bloodshed and murder among ourselves, between brothers of the same blood and race, in which, by reason of egoistic motives or for hardly explainable causes, those who are best prepared for a determined activity, or for some kind of leadership, perish tragically in the hands of the perverse or the misguided. I have tried to fathom the depths of the passions that agitate our proletarian masses, and at the bottom I have seen only the cynical egoism of certain conscienceless demagogues who flee from the light and from peaceful and legal methods, because they know that their dissolvent doctrines only acquire virulence in the ignorance and in the uncontrolled passion of the masses. The result of all this, after the war, would be the complete decimation of our population, specially of the members best gifted

Could we allow such a quantitative and qualitative retrogression to occur without raising our voices in alarm? Would we not be guilty of a criminal neglect if through indifference, carelessness, or cowardice, we were to keep silent and unconcerned at the imminence of this danger? At all times when we appeal to the people to make the greatest sacrifices, or when we exhort our government employees and the masses in general to comply strictly with their civic duties, we invoke the patriotism and the glorious deeds of our national heroes and point out their acts or intation. At this moment, however, I realize that it is more praetical to expose the ailing patient upon the steps of the temple so that all might comprehend the extent and the seriousness of the evil that must be remedied. May God grant that my appeal, completely devoid of favoritism, awake an echo in the heart of every Filipino, and that everyone might take full cognizance of the imminent dangers which now threaten us, the remedy for which can be found eclusively in our hands and in our determination to save at all cost the future of our race.

To comprehend the present situation, at a glance, it is only necessary to look out of a window and contemplate on one side the inexhaustible legion of lean and haggard scarecrows who wander instessly along the streets clamoring for a tin- handful of rice to appease their hunger; or the long line of old and young scavengers, digging with their trembling hands into garbage piles for impure remants of discarded food, that they may not perish from inanition, or gathering fragments of dirty rags to cover their skinny bodies. If we should cast our look upon another side, we would notice the misreable spectacle of a great many victims of discarded food, that they may not perish from inanition, or gathering fragments of dirty rags to cover their skinny bodies. If we should we not think primarily of our selventer of their moral sufferings. 'Amongst them are the neurasthenic and the hysterical who shake with fear and shoc

state and attest its contribution to the progress and the civilization of humanity?

Our glorious forebears, with the patient labor of the ant, in the course of the centuries had been consolidating the firm foundations of the ancient home whose magnificent structure we are now constituent to the great and the most many fitter and problems of the ancient home whose magnificent structure we are now constituent of the structure we are now constitution and the most many fitter and the most necessary of the structure we are now constitution of the present the fitter and the most necessary of the structure we are now constitution and structure we are now constitution of the present the fitter and the most necessary of the structure we are now constitution and structure we are now constitution and structure where the fitter that the patient labor of the present the fitter and the patient patient

should stultify their souls and think and act solely in the manner in which we think and act. I make this explanatory statement to avoid twisted or mistaken interpretations of a request that I now make to the nation that we have a short truce in the bitter controversies which at present separate us in this sad period of our national existence, for, to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, and to soothe the sorrow-stricken are precepts of charity which peremptorily should be put into practice to the extent of every man's capacity. And the easy and expeditious means would be put into practice to the extent of every man's capacity. And the easy and expeditious means would be chart to the extent of every man's capacity. And the easy and expeditious means would be that to the extent of every man's capacity. And the easy and expeditious means would be that to the extent of every man's capacity of the extent of every man's capacity. And the easy and expeditious means would be that to the extent of every man's capacity of the extent of every man's capacity of the extent of every man's capacity. And the easy and expeditious means would be that a to the production of food. In the past we took pride in manifesting to the whole world our capacity to carve our own destiny, and it is a fact that we have done so. Have we, by any chance, lost our confidence in ourselves, in our capacity to carve our own described that a register and overcome the bitterest and hardest vicissitudes, and in our recuperative power to resist and to triumph? Our political aspiration, in the meantime, may be concretely stated as the implantation in our country of a government of Filipinos, by Filipinos, and for Filipinos, by F

Nation's Indigents | ... (Continued from page 1)

In a report sent to the Minister of Health, Labor and Public Wel-fare, Director Honorio Poblador of the Bureau of Public Welfare, outlined the relief activities of his office as follows:

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panese forces swept all opposition and established themselves in all the territories once controlled by the Anglo-Americans. Within the short period of five months, the Japanese were virtual masters of the entire Pacific basin. We cannot but admire these brilliant exploits of the Imperial Japanese Forces, For, after all, the Japanese people are our neighbors and our friends. Geographically and historically, Japan and the Philippines have been closely intertwined for countless generations. And, during the Philippine Revolution, the Japanese people, convinced that we were fighting a life-and-death battle for our freedom and independence, offered to lend us her aid. "On December 8, 1941, Japan redeemed her promise and, in a short time, she was able to cut assunder the ties that had kept us in domination. Japan further showed her magnanimous intentions towards us by recognizing our independence. "Thus, on October 14, 1943, only

"Thus, on October 14, 1943, only over a year after the Imperial Japanese Forces first touched Philippine soil, the second Philippine soil, the second Philippine Republic was born. We became a member of a free concert of nations with the rights and prerogatives—as well as the responsibilities, of course—of a free and independent nation.

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"But this freedom, this independence, has been threatened. Disregarding my appeal to the entire world that our national integrity and sovereignty be respected and recognized, the American air forces have attacked the territorial integrity of our land, laid waste our cities and our countrysides, and killed and wounded many of our population.

"Consequently we were forced to declare a state of war against the United States and Britain. We could do no less. Our racial pride and integrity were at stake. And the commitments that we made in the Pact of Alliance with Japan bind us to aid her with all the resources at our command to fight this war to a successful conclusion.

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bruary, 1944, a total of 27,201 square meters of land was cultivated and planted to different vegetables. An estimated income of P2,5930 was expected to be realized from the harvest of crops such as cassava, camote, peanuts, egglants, talinum, tomatoes, squash and other garden plants.

In line with the policy of the Government to depopulate Manila, the Transportation Service of this Bureau undertook the sending home of indigent persons and assisted those who could afford to pay for their transportation fares.

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2. Child Welfare Activities relating to the maintenance, education, care, and custody of destitute, neglected, orphaned, delinquent and other underprivileged children in the government child-caring institutions at Welfareville; probation work among minor offenders and supervision of private child welfare institutions.

At present there are seven (7)

Sagana Ang Bigas....

ngayon ng mga kinatawan ng Ri-coa at ng mga kawal sa pagsisi-yasat sa mga sasakyang lumah-bas at nanasok sa Maynila ay da-pat namang tinutugon na ng pag-rarasion ng bigas sa mga ma-mamayan.

Ang lumilitaw na pagkatiwalag ng Maynila sa mga bigasan sa Git-nang Luson ay lalo pang nasas-mantala ng mga mayhawak ng bi-gas sa "black market", ayon sa nadama, kaya nasusunod pa rin sila sa pagtatakda ng mataas na halaga.

Nahiwatigan sa Ricoa na halos Naniwatigan sa kicoa na hatos yari a ang pamamaraan ng pag rarasion ng bigas sa Maynila na pangsamantalang nakatakda sa buwang ito ng Disiembre, bagaman hindi pa inihahayag ang tiyak na araw at halaga.

Sa isang panawagan ng Ricoa kamakailan ay hiningi sa madla na itigil ang lihim na pagpapasok ng bigas at mais sa Siudad, at ibinabalang sino mang mahulihan ay sasamsaman ng kanilang dala at susigin pa rin sa paglabag sa mga tadhana ng Kautusan Blg. 44 ng Pangulo.

Sinabi ng Ricoa na ang pagsunod ng madla sa kautusang iyan ay siyang magpapadali sa pagkaganap ng mga layunin ng bagong samahan sa bigas at mais ng pamahalaan, isa na ang pagrarasion sa mga mamamayan.

Nasa Likuran....

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Sa mga layunin ng "Makapili" ay nangingibabaw ang paghahandog ng puspusang tulong sa Hukbong Hapones, ang pagpapakilos sa bansa upang magkaroon ng sadigma, at ipakilala sa bayan na walang kalayaan ang Pilipinas kungdi magtatagumpay ang lahing asiano sa kasalukuyang digmaan."

"Bawa"; pilipinong nagmamahal sa ating bayan ay may puwang sa Makapili, at hinihintay na-min ang kanilang pakikilahok," ang pahayag ni G. Ramoz.

Ang "New Leaders Association" na may mga hangarin ding katu-lad ng sa "Makapili" ay siya na-mang bibigkis at mamamatnugot sa kilusan ng kabataan, ayon sa napagalaman.

Ginunita Ang....

sang pangdaigdig na nasasalig sa katarungan, pagkakapantay ng la-hi at paggagalangan ng pagsasa-rili at kanangyarihang pangbansa, at pagtutulungan sa kabuhayan, kami ng Republikang ito ay nag-nanais na ipahayag minsan pa ang aming matibay na pagtatapat sa banal na kasunduan ng pagtut-lungan na bumubuklod sa amin upang tumulong sa ating pakiki-laban sa buo naming kaya at ma-gagawa. gagawa.

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"Kung paanong ang Republiang ito ay isinilang sa dakilang digmaan na ang ikatlong kaarawan ay ating inaalaala ngayon, gayon din katibay ang paniwala ng bayang pilipino na ang ganyang kadakilang usapin na gayang atin ay hindi mabibigo."