

LAUREL ASSERTS REPUBLIC'S SUPREMACY OVER ALL P. I. PATRIOT ORGANIZATIONS

Republic's Goal Reiterated By President

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

President Jose P. Laurel reiterated his unwavering belief that the Filipinos can be happy only if they are left alone to manage their own affairs and work out 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 exclu-

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

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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 farm-made fertilizer—compost—along with the promotion

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GEA War Made Asians Aware Of Their Noble Destiny-- Recto

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It has been said that war is the great accelerator of history. It hastens social, political and economic revolutions 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 brutal horrors, and in spite of its destructive power, the one irresistible propeller of his-

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.

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 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 social welfare work done through numerous public and private welfare stations, convalescent and war widows' homes, food production and vocational projects.

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 309,845 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 P1,393,144.72, together with sweepstake funds and numerous donations have also been spent for the relief of the suffering 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 "Makapili" inaugural ceremony to give the former precedence in leaving the platform.

"With the program completed," the Tribune reported in its Saturday issue, "the ambulance departed. 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 to the car and watched him drive away, then walked across the driveway in front of the Legislative Building to his waiting car."

Indeed, as the Spanish saying goes, "Lo cortes no quita lo 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, Tagalog 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.

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.

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.

President Laurel declared that the newly organized, "Makapili" which in English shall be known as the Patriotic League of the Filipinos 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 which has facilitated its establishment.

President Laurel's speech during the program follows:

"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 Sa Paglikngkod sa Bagong 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 ng mga Pilipino*. The leader and head of the Makapili is a well-known and uncompromising Filipino patriot, General Artemio Ricarte, a soldier who would not bend his knees before any foreign flag flying over his country because to him there is only one flag—the Sun and the Stars. For that patriotic fervor and conviction, he

suffered banishment. He lived in Japan for nearly four decades until the Imperial Japanese Forces smashed the combined power of Great Britain, the United States, and Holland, in the Orient and

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DEC. 8 IS MEMORABLE DAY, SAYS PRESIDENT

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.

The President's statement follows:

"Three years ago today, the Imperial Japanese Forces became entangled in a war with the United States. But Japan's motive was neither economic greed nor political aggrandizement. She was fired, instead, by her consciousness that it was her sacred mission to liberate the peoples of this part of the world and bring about the establishment of a family of nations so welded together by reciprocal bonds as to present a solid and impregnable defense against further attempts at domination and exploitation on the part of foreign powers.

"With lightning rapidity, the Ja-

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Aquino Appeals For National Unity In Kalibapi Day Speech

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Much has already been written 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 people's government. Its present mission has been delineated clearly and explicitly by our illustrious President in Ordinance No. 17 amending Executive Order No. 109 of the defunct Philippine Executive

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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