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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 24

REORGANIZING THE MINISTRIES, BUREAUS, OFFICES, AGENCIES AND INSTRUMENTALITIES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES.

Pursuant to the powers vested in me by Act No. 10 to effect changes in the different ministries, bureaus, offices, agencies, and instrumentalities of the Government, including government-owned or controlled corporations, and to create new ones or abolish those existing, I, JOSE P. LAUREL, President of the Republic of the Philippines, do hereby order -

SECTION 1. Ministries.- There shall be nine Ministries in the Government of the Republic of the Philippines, to wit: the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Home Affairs, the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Justice, the Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources, the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Public Works and Communications, the Ministry of Economic Affairs and the Ministry of Health, Labor, and Public Welfare. Each Ministry shall be under the direct control of its corresponding Minister of State. In addition to the Ministries herein enumerated, there shall be an Office of the President under the direct control of the Executive Secretary, who shall have the rank of Minister of State. Each Ministry shall, subject to the supervision and control of the President, and under the executive authority of the Minister concerned, be responsible for the proper and effective performance of the functions and activities of the Government falling within its jurisdiction as the same are now or may hereafter be defined by law.

SEC. 2. Bureaus and Offices under the Office of the President.- The Office of the President shall have executive supervision over the Executive Bureau, the General Auditing Office, the Bureau of Civil Service, including the Boards of Examiners, the Bureau of Information, and the Bureau of Printing.

SEC. 3. Bureaus and Offices under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.- The Ministry of Foreign Affairs shall have executive supervision over the Bureau of General Affairs, the Bureau of Political Affairs, the Bureau of International Trade Relations,

the Press and International Cultural Relations Bureau, and the Embassies, Legations, and Consulates of the Republic of the Philippines in foreign countries.

SEC. 4. Bureaus and Offices under the Ministry of Home Affairs.- The Ministry of Home Affairs shall have executive supervision over the administration of provinces, municipalities, chartered cities and other local political subdivisions, the Philippine Constabulary, the Bureau of Religious Affairs, and the Board of Review.

SEC. 5. Bureau under the Ministry of Finance.- The Ministry of Finance shall have executive supervision over the Bureau of the Budget and Accounts, the Bureau of Customs and Internal Revenue, the Bureau of the Treasury, the Bureau of Credits and Investments, the Public Employees' Life Insurance Bureau, and the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Bureau.

SEC. 6. Bureaus and Offices under the Ministry of Justice.- The Ministry of Justice shall have executive supervision over the Code Committee, the Court of Appeals, the Courts of First Instance, the Bureau of Public Prosecution, the Bureau of Prisons, the Bureau of Property Registration, the Offices of the Provincial and City Sheriffs, the Municipal Courts, and the Justice of the Peace Courts.

SEC. 7. Bureaus under the Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources.- The Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources shall have executive supervision over the Bureau of Plant Industry, the Bureau of Animal Industry, the Bureau of Lands, the Bureau of Forestry, the Bureau of Fisheries, the Bureau of Science, and the Bureau of Mines.

SEC. 8. Bureaus and Offices under the Ministry of Education.- The Ministry of Education shall have executive supervision over the Bureau of Public Instruction, the University of the Philippines, the Bureau of Private Education, the Bureau of Physical Education, the National Library, the Institute of National Language, and the Bureau of Oriental Culture.

SEC. 9. Bureaus under the Ministry of Public Works and Communications.- The Ministry of Public Works and Communications shall have executive supervision over the Bureau of Public Works, the Bureau of Communications, the Bureau of Public Services, the Weather, Geodetic and Hydrographic Bureau, and the Metropolitan Waterworks Bureau.

SEC. 10. Bureaus and Offices under the Ministry of Economic Affairs.- The Ministry of Economic Affairs shall have executive supervision over the Bureau of Commerce and Industries, the Food Administration, the Bureau of the Census and Statistics, and the various government-owned or controlled corporations, and also over purchases of equipment and supplies for the various offices, officials, and branches of the Government and other persons entitled to make purchases through the Government.

SEC. 11. Bureaus and Offices under the Ministry of Health, Labor, and Public Welfare.- The Ministry of Health, Labor, and Public Welfare shall have executive supervision over the Bureau of Health, the Bureau of Labor, the Bureau of Public Welfare, and the Philippine General Hospital.

SEC. 12. Powers, Functions and Duties of Ministries.- The Ministries enumerated in Section 1 hereof, with the exception of the Ministry of Economic Affairs and the Ministry of Health, Labor, and Public Welfare, shall continue to exercise the powers and perform the functions and duties vested in them by existing laws and regulations except as the same may be modified or enlarged, by the provisions of this Order. The Ministry of Home Affairs and the Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources shall exercise the powers and perform the functions and duties of the former Ministry of the Interior and the Ministry of Agriculture and Commerce, respectively, except as also modified or enlarged in this Order.

SEC. 13. Powers, Functions, and Duties of the Ministry of Economic Affairs.- The Ministry of Economic Affairs shall be charged with the promotion and development of the national economy; the formulation, direction, coordination, and enforcement of the economic policies and activities of the different governmental entities, agencies and instrumentalities; and with such other functions and duties as may hereafter be entrusted to it by law.

SEC. 14. Powers, Functions and Duties of the Ministry of Health, Labor, and Public Welfare.- The Ministry of Health, Labor, and Public Welfare shall be charged with the protection of the health of the people, the maintenance of sanitary conditions, the proper enforcement of the laws relative to health, sanitation and social services and over all matters concerning labor or labor in its relation to capital and those related to the welfare of laborers in this country and abroad, as well as the proper enforcement of the laws relative to labor and capital in the Philippines.

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SEC. 15. Powers, Functions and Duties of Bureaus and Offices.- The Bureaus and Offices enumerated in the next preceding sections, with the exception of those originally created by this Order and except as herein modified or enlarged, shall continue to exercise the powers and perform the functions and duties vested in them by existing laws and regulations.

The Executive Bureau shall assist the Executive Secretary in the performance of the administrative functions of the Office of the President.

The authority and powers of the General Auditing Office shall extend to and comprehend all matters falling under the jurisdiction of the former Budget and Auditing Office relative to the examination and inspection of the books, records, and papers relating to the accounts of the Government, the preservation of vouchers, and the audit and settlement of the accounts of all persons respecting funds or property received or held by them in an accountable capacity, as well as to the examination and audit of debts and claims of any sort due from or owing to the Government of the Republic of the Philippines or any of its branches. This jurisdiction shall extend to all corporations established and organized in accordance with the laws of the Republic of the Philippines wherein the Government of the said Republic or any of its branches owns the majority of the stock or shares.

The Bureau of Information shall exercise the powers and perform the functions and duties of the former Bureau of Information and Public Security.

The Bureau of International Trade Relations shall exercise the powers and perform the functions and duties of the former Bureau of Economic Affairs in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The Press and International Cultural Relations Bureau shall be the medium of relations of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs with the domestic and foreign press, with the radio, and with the news roads. It shall issue press releases and arrange press conferences in connection with the foreign relations of the Government of the Republic of the Philippines. It shall prepare and distribute regularly to all officials of the Government press bulletins and summaries and general information bearing upon diplomatic developments abroad. It shall have general charge of official international activities of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs with respect to

cultural relations; and generally, of the dissemination abroad of representative intellectual and cultural works of the Philippines and the improvement and broadening of the scope of the cultural relations of the Philippines with other countries. It shall prepare and distribute publications of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and disseminate information concerning them.

The Bureau of Political Affairs shall enforce and administer the laws relating to the immigration of aliens into the Philippines and shall exercise the powers and perform the functions and duties of the Alien Registration and Legalization Division of the former Ministry of the Interior.

The Philippine Constabulary and the Bureau of Labor shall exercise the powers and perform the functions and duties of the former Bureau of the Constabulary and the former Bureau of Employment, respectively.

The Board of Review shall enforce and administer the law on censorship of moving pictures, shall censor stage shows and similar entertainments, and shall exercise and perform such other functions and duties as may hereafter be entrusted to it by law.

The Bureau of the Budget and Accounts shall exercise the powers and perform the functions and duties of the former Budget and Auditing Office insofar as they pertain or relate to the preparation of the budget and any proposal of supplementary, special or deficiency appropriations; to the investigation, revision, examination, assembly, coordination and reduction or increase of the estimates of the various ministries, bureaus, offices and dependencies of the government; to the release of funds and the expenditure of appropriations and allotments; and to all accounting procedure, including the keeping of the accounts of the Government. The Bureau of the Budget and Accounts shall also have technical supervision over accounting matters in all corporations established and organized in accordance with the laws of the Republic of the Philippines wherein the Government of the said Republic or any of its branches owns the majority of the stock or shares.

The Bureau of Credits and Investments shall exercise the powers and perform the functions and duties of the former Bureau of Financing.

The Bureau of Public Prosecution shall exercise the powers and perform the functions and duties of the former

Bureau of Justice and shall, in addition, have executive supervision over the offices of the provincial and city fiscals.

The Bureau of Property Registration shall exercise the powers and perform the functions and duties of the former General Land Registration Office and the existing Judicial Land Titles Division in the Ministry of Justice.

The Bureau of Fisheries shall exercise the powers and perform the functions and duties of the former Bureau of Forestry and Fishery insofar as they pertain or relate to the protection, management, and development of all national and municipal fisheries and fishery reservations, the granting of licenses for aquatic products and, in general, the promotion of the fishing industry in the Philippines.

The Bureau of Oriental Culture shall have immediate charge of the work pertaining to the preparation, adoption or approval of text books for use in all the schools. It shall undertake researches, studies and investigations on Oriental culture and coordinate and make available the results thereof, and disseminate and propagate the same.

The Weather, Geodetic and Hydrographic Bureau shall exercise the powers and perform the functions and duties of the former Weather Bureau and the Geodetic and Hydrographic Section in the Ministry of Public Works and Communications.

The Public Employees' Life Insurance Bureau, the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Bureau, and the Metropolitan Waterworks Bureau shall exercise the powers and perform the functions and duties of the former Public Employees Life Insurance, the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office, and the Metropolitan Waterworks Office, respectively.

SEC. 16. Heads and Assistant Heads of Bureaus and Offices.- All Bureaus and offices under the different Ministries shall each have one director or chief and as many assistant directors or assistant chiefs as the appropriation acts may provide.

SEC. 17. Ministerial Authority to Create, Suppress, or Reduce Activities and Transfer Services, with the corresponding Personnel and Appropriation.- For the purpose of effecting simplicity and economy and promoting efficiency in the service, the proper Minister of State is hereby authorized,

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subject to the approval of the President, to suppress or reduce any activity under his ministry, transfer any activity from one division to another, add a new activity to any division, or consolidate into one or more divisions all activities and functions of a similar nature of the different bureaux and offices of a Ministry. He is, likewise, hereby authorized, subject to the same approval, to transfer, reduce, abolish, increase or create any item of appropriation for salaries and wages in order to carry into effect the reorganization herein authorized: Provided, That the net result of such transfers, reductions, abolitions, increases or creation of new items shall not exceed the total of the corresponding appropriations affected as authorized in the 1944 Appropriation Act.

SEC. 18. Implied Ministerial Powers and Duties.- Whenever a specific power, authority, duty, function, or activity is entrusted to a chief of bureau, office, division or service, the same shall be understood as also conferred upon the proper Minister of State who shall have authority to act directly in pursuance thereof; or to review, modify or revoke any decision or action of said chief of bureau, office, division or service.

SEC. 19. Reversion of Unexpended Fund Balances of Bureaus and Offices.- The unexpended balances of funds or appropriations pertaining to bureaux, offices, divisions or activities abolished or otherwise terminated in accordance with the provisions of this Order shall revert to the unappropriated surplus of the National Government and all the equipment, materials, records and other properties pertaining to said bureaux, offices, divisions, or activities shall be disposed of as may be directed by the President.

SEC. 20. Transfer of Unexpended Balances of Bureaus and Offices.- The unexpended balances of funds or appropriations and the personnel, equipment, materials, records and other properties pertaining to bureaux, offices, divisions or activities transferred to a Ministry, Bureau or office, in accordance with the provisions of this Order, shall be merged with the funds or appropriations, personnel, equipment, materials, records, and other properties pertaining to the Ministry, bureau, office or division concerned, to be used for the same purpose or purposes for which they were originally intended. The transfer of personnel, funds or appropriations, equipment, materials, records and other properties herein authorized shall be made by the Ministers of State concerned and the Auditor General.

SEC. 21. Vacancies and New Appointments.- All officers

and employees of the Government on the date this Order takes effect whose positions are not abolished by virtue of this reorganization shall continue in office and those whose positions are abolished shall be given preference in appointment to positions created pursuant to this reorganization; but all Ministers of State, Vice-Ministers, the chiefs and assistant chiefs of bureaus and offices, and the other officers whose appointments are by the Constitution vested in the President shall vacate their respective positions on the expiration of ninety days from the date of effectivity of this Order, unless reappointed by the President.

SEC. 22. Retirements.- Officers and employees whose positions are abolished or who may be separated from the service as a consequence of the reorganization provided in this Order shall be entitled to such gratuity as may be fixed by appropriate legislation on the basis of the actual salary received and under such terms and conditions as may be fixed by law. They shall not lose their civil service eligibility for a period of ten years from the date of their separation from the service, and in case an office needs the services of additional personnel, preference in the appointment shall be given to them.

SEC. 23. Effectivity.- This Order shall take effect on January first, nineteen hundred and forty-four: Provided, That whenever necessary in the interest of economy and orderly procedure in the reorganization, the President may postpone the effectivity of any provision or provisions of this Order to a subsequent date not later than December thirty-first, nineteen hundred and forty-four; and Provided, further, That until the creation of the Ministry of Economic Affairs and the Ministry of Health, Labor, and Public Welfare shall have been approved by the National Assembly, the Ministries, bureaus and offices that may be affected thereby shall continue as constituted under existing laws with the same power, authority, functions and duties as heretofore.

Done in the City of Manila, this 31st day of December, in the year of Our Lord nineteen hundred and forty-three, and of the Republic of the Philippines, the first.

(SGD.) JOSE P. LAUREL
 President of the Republic of the Philippines

By the President:

(SGD.) PEDRO SABIDO
 Acting Executive Secretary

(February 5, 1942)

The managements of factories within the Greater City of Manila are ordered to open their respective factories as soon as possible, in accordance with the following notifications:

1. The persons who will engage in kinds of industries which will require approval by the military authorities will submit their application in accordance with the separate forms which have been prepared for the said purposes to the Dept. of Military Administration for approval.
The above mentioned application must be submitted through the Dept. of Agriculture and Commerce.
2. The persons who will engage in the kinds of industries which will require approval by the military authorities must comply with the orders of the Dept. of Military Administration regarding manufacture and transfer of their products.
- 3/ The persons who will engage in the kinds of industries which will not require approval by the military authorities must submit their report to the Dept. of Agriculture and Commerce.

The following form is established in accordance with notification No. 1, regarding the kinds of industries and application which require approval before opening by the military authorities.

KINDS OF INDUSTRIES

Manufacture of Batteries
 Manufacture of bricks
 Manufacture of tobacco
 Manufacture of wines
 Manufacture of ice
 Manufacture of matches
 Milling of rice
 Manufacture of sugar and alcohol
 Manufacture of leather and rubber shoes
 Manufacture of cotton thread and cloth
 Brewery of Beer
 Manufacture of candles
 Manufacture of coconut oil
 Manufacture of canned goods
 Manufacture of steel products

Explanation of the proclamation concerning reopening of factories:

A proclamation was issued on February 5, 1942 to reopen the closed factories in Greater Manila City.

Almost all factories in Greater Manila City being closed, it is causing shortage of daily commodities and unemployment of laborers. The proclamation is aimed to meet this situation and all factories are urged to resume their business as soon as possible.

It is the intention of the Japanese authorities hereto to put necessary control over them and let them contribute to the execution of fighting and to the production of necessary goods as well as to promote the welfare of the citizens in the city.

 Source: Official Journal of the Japanese Military Administration Vol. 1, page 53. Edited by the Bureau of Publicity, The Department of General Affairs, the Japanese Military Administration.

NOTIFICATION

February 6 1942

With the end of reopening the following factories and shops, the old laborers of the same are called:

Atlantic Gulf and Pacific Co. (foundry shop).
Norton and Harrison Co.
Philippine Acetylene Co.
Manila Cordage Co.

The employess who desire to work are required to present themselves in their respective factories on or before Feb. 9, 1942. at 10 a.m.

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