

PROCLAMATION TO PEOPLE OF PHIL.

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ANNEX A

P R O C L A M A T I O N

TO THE PEOPLE OF THE PHILIPPINES:

I have returned. By the grace of Almighty God our forces stand again on Philippine soil - soil consecrated in the blood of our two peoples. We have come, dedicated and committed, to the task of destroying every vestige of enemy control over your daily lives, and of restoring, upon a foundation of indestructible strength, the liberties of your people.

At my side is your President, Sergio Osmena, worthy successor of that great patriot, Manuel Quezon, with members of his cabinet. The seat of your government is now, therefore, firmly re-established on Philippine soil.

The hour of your redemption is here. Your patriots have demonstrated an unwavering and resolute devotion to the principles of freedom that challenges the best that is written on the pages of human history. I now call upon your supreme effort that the enemy may know from the temper of an aroused and outraged people within that he has a force there to contend with no less violent than is the force committed from without.

Rally to me. Let the indomitable spirit ofataan and Corregidor lead on. As the lines of battle roll forward to bring you within the zone of operations, rise and strike. Strike at every favorable opportunity. For your homes and hearths, strike! For future generations of your sons and daughters, strike! In the name of your sacred dead, strike! Let no heart be faint. Let every arm be steeled. The guidance of divine God points the way. Follow in His Name to the Holy Grail of righteous victory!

DOUGLAS MACARTHUR

P R O C L A M A T I O N

P A T R I O T S O F T H E P H I L I P P I N E S :

Seldom has a military commander penetrated enemy occupied shores with a greater potential of interior support than that which I today rely upon from the people of the Philippines.

It is a support whose strength is measured largely in value of the spirit - an unconquerable spirit which despite the ordeal of war still remains unbroken and defiant. Such a spirit, born of a desire and nurtured upon a determination to be free, inevitably overwhelms material force however ruthlessly applied and rises to its heights when the hour for liberation strikes. That hour has struck!

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It but remains to guide this great interior force to maximum utilization without exposing the people to undue and needless sacrifice.

I shall from time to time promulgate specific instructions to guide your effort relying fully, however, upon your innate common sense to gauge the limitation of your local action. Your general course of conduct should conform as far as practicable with the following concepts:-

1. Secure your families with such food as is available to you, as rapidly as possible at points away from vital enemy installations which our military forces shall ceaselessly attack with increasing violence until destroyed.
2. Support the local commander whom I appoint over the area in which you reside or, if none is so appointed, the local leader of the resistance movement.
3. Avoid any assistance to the enemy, but to the contrary, harass him incessantly, taking full advantage of every favorable opportunity to do so; harass him by disrupting his means of communication and his essential lines; harass him by destroying his munitions, food, fuel, transport and other vital supplies; and harass him by cutting down or subduing him at every turn, to the end that he may know no rest or relaxation within your community - that no enemy soldier may escape the fate which inexorably confronts all - death or surrender.
4. To the people in areas far removed from the zone of active operations, I counsel a period of alertness and preparation - a period in which full advantage must be taken of favorable opportunities to strike decisive blows, but in which premature or ill-considered action, if it be at the expense of needless loss of life, is to be avoided.
5. Above all, I call for unity among the people - that unity so essential to the development of maximum strength at this critical time. Let the depth of your patriotism and your love of freedom rise above all differences, factional quarrels, disputes and petty jealousies, that all patriots unflinchingly may march shoulder to shoulder toward a common destiny.

The duration of the campaign and the human suffering which inevitably follows in the wake of war will be determined, in large measure, by the extent of your support. May God strengthen you to meet this test.

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EXTENSION OF REMARKS

OF

HON. C. JASPER BELL

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 27, 1944

Mr. BELL. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the unanimous consent of the House granted today, I wish to insert herewith certain pronouncements and proclamations issued by Gen. Douglas MacArthur, commander in chief of the American Forces of Liberation in the Philippines, since he landed on the island of Leyte on October 20, 1944.

Because of the importance of these statements as historical state papers, and because they reaffirm the policy of liberalism followed by the Congress in dealing with the Philippines, I feel they should be preserved as part of the permanent RECORD of the Congress.

Immediately upon landing, General MacArthur directed the following proclamation to the people of the Philippines:

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS,

SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA,

Office of the Commander in Chief.

PROCLAMATION

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At my side is your President, Sergio Osmeña, worthy successor of that great patriot, Manuel Quezon, with members of his cabinet. The seat of your government is now the same as that of the Government of the United States.

The hour of your redemption is here. Your patriots have demonstrated an unwavering and resolute devotion to the principles of freedom that challenges the best that is written on the pages of human history. I now call upon your supreme effort that the enemy may know from the temper of an aroused and outraged people within that he has a force there to contend with no less violent than is the force committed from without.

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In an address from the steps of the provincial capitol of Tacloban, Leyte, on October 23, 1944, General MacArthur made the following remarks:

To the citizens of Tacloban:

Today I am happy to present to you your President, Sergio Osmeña, and members of his cabinet. They are here in this capital city of the Province of Leyte to establish, under the full protection of American arms, the temporary seat of your commonwealth government and thereby initiate the restoration to the Filipino people of the sacred right of self rule.

You can still hear the muffled sound of our guns, but in their echo there is being reborn a new and greater Philippine nation—a nation consecrated in the blood of its citizens and dedicated to the reality that only upon human liberty may individual or national dignity and honor firmly rest. For you we are no conquering army—we are an army that brings you civil liberty. We are an army of free citizens like yourselves who determined unto death that democratic principles shall not pass. We are democracy at

war, intent only upon lasting peace and justice. That is the American way.

On behalf of my Government, I restore to you a constitutional administration by countrymen of your confidence and your choice—and as our forces advance I shall in like manner restore other Philippine cities and provinces until throughout the entire land you may walk down life's years erect and unafraid, each free to toil and to worship according to his own conscience with your children's laughter again brightening your homes long darkened by the grim tragedy of conquest.

For the accomplishment of this purpose, I hereby issue the following proclamation to be read by my chief of staff.

The proclamation was as follows:

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS,

SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC AREA,

Office of the Commander in Chief.

PROCLAMATION

To the People of the Philippines:

Whereas the military forces under my command have landed on Philippine soil as a prelude to the liberation of the entire territory of the Philippines; and

Whereas the seat of the government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines has been reestablished in the Philippines under President Sergio Osmeña and the members of his cabinet; and

Whereas under enemy duress a so-called government styled as the "Republic of the Philippines" was established on October 14, 1943, based upon neither the free expression of the people's will nor the sanction of the Government of the United States, and is purporting to exercise executive, judicial, and legislative powers of government over the people.

Now, therefore, I, Douglas MacArthur, general United States Army, as commander in chief of the military forces committed to the liberation of the Philippines, do hereby proclaim and declare:

1. That the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines is, subject to the supreme authority of the Government of the United States, the sole and only government

having legal and valid jurisdiction over the people in areas of the Philippines free of enemy occupation and control;

2. That the laws now existing on the statute books of the Commonwealth of the Philippines and the regulations promulgated pursuant thereto are in full force and effect and legally binding upon the people in areas of the Philippines free of enemy occupation and control;

3. That all laws, regulations, and processes of any other government in the Philippines other than that of the said Commonwealth are null and void and without legal effect in areas of the Philippines free of enemy occupation and control; and

I do hereby announce my purpose progressively to restore and extend to the people of the Philippines the sacred right of government by constitutional process under the regularly constituted Commonwealth Government as rapidly as the several occupied areas are liberated and the military situation will otherwise permit; and

I do enjoin upon all loyal citizens of the Philippines full respect for, and obedience to, the Constitution of the Commonwealth of the Philippines and the laws, regulations, and other acts of their duly constituted Government whose seat is now firmly reestablished on Philippine soil.

DOUGLAS MACARTHUR,
General, United States Army,
Commander in Chief.

Mr. Speaker, because the support of Filipinos to the American forces would be vital to the success of the invasion, General MacArthur issued the following directions regarding the manner in which such resistance against the enemy could be carried on. It will be noted that the instructions were addressed to the "Patriots of the Philippines," the great bloc of loyal Filipinos who resisted Japanese strength and its puppet government after the fall of Bataan:

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS,
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA.

Office of the Commander in Chief.

To the Patriots of the Philippines:

Seldom has a military commander penetrated enemy-occupied shores with a greater

potential of interior support than that which I today rely upon from the people of the Philippines.

It is a support whose strength is measured largely in values of the spirit—an unconquerable spirit which, despite the ordeal of war, still remains unbroken and defiant. Such a spirit, born of a desire and nurtured upon a determination to be free, inevitably overwhelms material force, however ruthlessly applied, and rises to its heights when the hour for liberation strikes. That hour has struck.

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2. Support the local commander whom I appoint over the area in which you reside or, if none is so appointed, the local leader of the resistance movement.

3. Avoid any assistance to the enemy but, to the contrary, harass him incessantly, taking full advantage of every favorable opportunity to do so; harass him by disrupting his means of communication and his essential lines; harass him by destroying his munitions, food, fuel, transport and other vital supplies; and harass him by cutting down or subduing him at every turn, to the end that he may know no rest or relaxation within your community—that no enemy soldier may escape the fate which inexorably confronts all—death or surrender.

4. To the people in areas far removed from the zone of active operations, I counsel a period of alertness and preparation—a period in which full advantage must be taken of favorable opportunities to strike decisive blows, but in which premature or ill-considered action, if it be at the expense of needless loss of life, is to be avoided.

5. Above all, I call for unity among the people—that unity so essential to the development of maximum strength at this critical time. Let the depth of your patriotism and your love of freedom rise above all differences, factional quarrels, disputes, and petty jealousies, that all patriots undividedly may march shoulder to shoulder toward a common destiny.

The duration of the campaign and the human suffering which inevitably follows in the wake of war will be determined, in large measure, by the extent of your support. May God strengthen you to meet this test.

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The following proclamation directed to the Japanese war lords called to their attention their responsibilities to care for properly all prisoners of war, civilian internees, and civilian noncombatants:

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS,
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA.

Office of the Commander in Chief,
To the Commander in Chief, Japanese Military Forces in the Philippines, Field Marshal Count Teruchi:

The surrender of American and Filipino forces in previous campaigns in the Philippines was made in full reliance that prisoners of war would be accorded the dignity, honor and protection provided by the rules and customs of war.

Since then unimpeachable evidence has been furnished me of degradation and even of brutality to which these gallant soldiers have been subjected, in violation of the most sacred code of martial honor. For such violations the Imperial Japanese Government will, of course, be fully responsible to my Government.

As commander in chief of the Allied forces in the field, I shall in addition, during the course of the present campaign, hold the Japanese military authorities in the Philippines immediately liable for any harm which may result from failure to accord prisoners of war, civilian internees, or civilian noncombatants the proper treatment and due protection to which they, of right, are entitled.

DOUGLAS MACARTHUR,
General, United States Army,
Commander in Chief.

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Whereas, the seat of government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines has been re-established in the Philippines under President Sergio Osmona and the members of his cabinet; and

Whereas, under enemy duress a so-called government styled as the "Republic of the Philippines" was established on 14 October 1943 based upon neither the free expression of the peoples' will nor the sanction of the Government of the United States, and is purporting to exercise Executive, Judicial and Legislative powers of government over the people.

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1. That the government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines is, subject to the supreme authority of the Government of the United States, the sole and only government having legal and valid jurisdiction over the people in areas of the Philippines free of enemy occupation and control;
2. That the laws now existing on the statute books of the Commonwealth of the Philippines and the regulations promulgated pursuant thereto are in full force and effect and legally binding upon the people in areas of the Philippine free of enemy occupation and control; and,
3. That all laws, regulations and processes of any other government in the Philippines than that of the said Commonwealth are null and void and without legal effect in areas of the Philippines free of enemy occupation and control; and

I do hereby announce my purpose progressively to restore and extend to the people of the Philippines the sacred right of government by constitutional process under the regularly constituted Commonwealth Government as rapidly as the several occupied areas are liberated and the military situation will otherwise permit; and

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DOUGLAS MACARTHUR,
General, U. S. Army,
Commander-in-Chief.

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PROVIDING FOR MILITARY MEASURES TO BE TAKEN UPON THE APPREHENSION
OF CITIZENS OF THE PHILIPPINES WHO VOLUNTARILY HAVE GIVEN AID,
COMFORT AND SUSTENANCE TO THE ENEMY.

WHEREAS, evidence is before me that certain Citizens of the
Philippines voluntarily have given aid, comfort and sustenance
to the enemy in violation of allegiance due the Governments of
the United States and the Commonwealth of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, military necessity requires that such persons be
removed from any opportunity to threaten the security of our
military forces or the success of our military operations.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Douglas MacArthur, General of the Army,
United States Army, as Commander in Chief Southwest Pacific
Area, hereby do publish and declare it to be my purpose to
remove such persons, when apprehended, from any position of
political and economic influence in the Philippines and to
hold them in restraint for the duration of the war; whereafter
I shall release them to the Philippine Government for its
judgment upon their respective cases.

Done at General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, in
the field, this twenty-ninth day of December 1944.

DOUGLAS MACARTHUR
General of the Army, United States Army
Commander in Chief

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ANNEX B

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 25

PROMULGATING RULES AND REGULATIONS CONCERNING CURRENCY, BOOKS AND ACCOUNTS OF BANKS AND THEIR BRANCHES AND AGENCIES IN THE PROVINCES, PROVINCIAL, CITY AND MUNICIPAL TREASURIES AND OTHER GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABLE OFFICES AND DEBT MORATORIUM

WHEREAS, it is essential that the financial and monetary structure of the Commonwealth of the Philippines be maintained on a sound basis.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, do hereby promulgate the following rules and regulations concerning currency, books and accounts and debt moratorium for all areas free from enemy occupation and control throughout the Philippines.

I. CURRENCY

1. The new Victory Series of Philippine Treasury Certificates (Victory Pesos) and the Philippine coins identical to pre-war issues now in circulation will be legal tender.
2. All pre-war Philippine Treasury Certificates and coins will continue to be legal tender and may be exchanged at par for the Victory Pesos if so desired by the holders.
3. The rate of exchange will be two Victory Pesos for one United States dollar. Transactions at any other rate are prohibited.
4. For each province liberated from the enemy, an Emergency Currency Committee will be appointed by the United States Army and the Commonwealth Government to study, investigate and report on the bona-fide emergency currencies issued by duly authorized currency boards. The Committee will ascertain the extent of the authority given to such boards, the amount of emergency currency actually printed and issued, and will recommend as soon as possible the redemption of the currencies found to be legally issued. In case it is found out that in a given province more emergency currencies were in circulation than the amount actually authorized to be issued, the Committee will recommend what action shall be taken: Provided, however, that counterfeit emergency currencies will not be redeemed.
5. The printing and issuance of additional emergency currencies are hereby prohibited.

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6. Japanese currency, Philippine National Bank Notes (except duly authorized emergency issues), Notes of the Bank of the Philippine Islands, New Central Bank Notes and unauthorized emergency currencies are not legal tender. Transactions in these currencies are prohibited.

II. BANKS, TREASURIES AND OTHER
ACCOUNTABLE OFFICERS

1. The books of banks, their branches and agencies in the provinces, provincial, city and municipal treasuries and other government accountable officers will be sealed forthwith and existing accounts frozen, as of the date the province, city, or municipality is liberated from enemy occupation and control, pending further action by the Government. All books, accounts and previous records as closed shall become inactive, filed and preserved for reference and other purposes as may be required.

2. Provincial and municipal treasurers and other accountable officials will open new books of account as soon as their respective offices are duly reconstituted, observing strictly the existing accounting laws, rules and regulations pertaining to accounts and accounting system of the Commonwealth of the Philippines.

3. Provincial treasurers will accept for safekeeping new savings deposits in pre-war Philippine Treasury Certificates and Victory Pesos. Withdrawals in cash only of not less than one peso may be made from each savings account upon presentation of the deposit book. No interest will accrue on such deposit. In addition to opening new savings accounts, provincial treasuries will provide facilities for exchanging United States dollar for Victory Pesos.

III. DEBT MORATORIUM

1. Payment of all debts and other monetary obligations contracted after December 31, 1941, except debts and other monetary obligations entered into in any area after declaration by Executive Order that such area has been freed from enemy occupation and control, is temporarily suspended pending action by the Commonwealth Government.

Done at the Seat of Government in the Field, this 18th day of November, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-four, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the tenth.

/s/ Sergio Osmana
President of the Philippines

BY THE PRESIDENT:

/s/ Arturo B. Rotor
Secretary to the President

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