

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1369, June 18, 1955]

AN ACT APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF THIRTY MILLION PESOS, OUT OF THE PROCEEDS OF THE SALE OF BONDS TO BE ISSUED UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED ONE THOUSAND OR FROM ANY LOAN, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE MANUFACTURE OF COCONUT PRODUCTS AND BY-PRODUCTS AND THE COMPONENT PARTS OF COCONUT TREES, AND OTHERWISE FOR THE INDUSTRIALIZATION OF THE COCONUT TREES AND COCONUT PRODUCTS AND BY-PRODUCTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated, out of the proceeds of the sale of bonds to be issued under Republic Act Numbered One thousand or from any loan, the sum of thirty million pesos which shall be invested: (a) in the construction, establishment and operation of necessary centrals or mills for the manufacture, on commercial scale, or industrialization of coconut products and by-products and the component parts of coconut trees, hereinafter called coconut centrals; or (b) in loans to persons who are citizens of the Philippines or to associations or corporations organized under the laws of the Philippines, the capital of which is owned by the citizens of the Philippines, for the purpose of financing the establishment of such centrals or mills; or (c) in shares, hereafter called contributions, or in subscriptions by the Government to the of such associations or corporations engaged or . lca- will engage in such enterprise or coconut Industrialization.

SEC. 2. The administration and investment of the sum appropriated under section one shall be vested in the Philippine Coconut Administration. In pursuance hereof, the Philippine Coconut Administration is authorized and empowered:

(a) To construct, establish and operate coconut centrals and to purchase the necessary machineries and equipment for such centrals;

(b) To make loans not exceeding the amount of fifty thousand pesos to any Filipino citizen or corporation the majority of whose stock is owned by Filipinos, properly secured in accordance with existing banking laws; in the event that the loan exceeds fifty thousand pesos, the approval of the Economic Coordinator or his successor shall be required.

(c) To enter into partnership with Filipino producers and/or Filipino citizens engaged in the industry, or associations the majority of whose stock is owned by Filipinos, or subscribe to the capital stock of a corporation the majority of whose stock is owned by Filipinos for the purpose of financing the manufacture, on commercial scale, of coconut products and by-products and the component parts of coconut trees, including the construction, establishment and operation of the necessary coconut