

**[ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 361, September
17, 1974]**

**CREATING AN AD HOC COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE PROBLEMS OF
THE SUGAR INDUSTRY**

WHEREAS, the sugar industry is a main foreign exchange earner of the country making it a vital sector of the economy;

WHEREAS, the sugar industry is presently confronted with serious problems that would negatively affect its significant contribution to the country, unless immediately studied and solved;

WHEREAS, the members of the industry have pointed out certain problem areas for immediate resolution if the industry is to continue the important role it currently plays in the Philippine economy;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby constitute and create an Ad Hoc Committee to study the problems of the sugar industry. The Committee shall be composed of the following:

The Director General	– Chairman
National Economic and Development Authority	– Member
The Secretary of Trade or his representative	– Member
The Secretary of Industry or his representative	– Member
The Administrator, Sugar Quota Administration or his representative	– Member
The Governor, Central Bank of the Philippines or his representative	– Member
The President, Philippine National Bank or his representative	– Member

It shall be the responsibility of the Committee to look into the current problems now plaguing the sugar industry particularly those areas identified by the members of the Philippine Sugar Association such as:

- 1) Problems arising from the implementation of the single agency concept especially as it affects the industry's financing arrangements.
- 2) Problems affecting the marketing of sugar both here and abroad, including the question of allocation.
- 3) Problems of pricing.