

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 170, August 31, 1948]

AUTHORIZING THE PHILIPPINE SCHOOL OF COMMERCE OF THE BUREAU OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, TO OPERATE NIGHT CLASSES; TO EMPLOY INSTRUCTORS AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL THEREOF FROM TEACHERS, OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES IN AND/OR OUT OF THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE; TO COLLECT FEES FROM THE STUDENTS ENROLLED THEREIN FOR OPERATING EXPENSES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the development of vocational proficiency, in order to insure the aim of our educational institutions, is a constitutional and moral responsibility of our government;

WHEREAS, there is a constant and persistent request for the reopening of night classes in the Philippine School of Commerce which were in operation from 1904 to 1933, under a specific appropriation therefor;

WHEREAS, in view of the lack of government appropriation at present for the operation and maintenance of night classes in the Philippine School of Commerce, it is necessary and expedient to operate night classes therein on a self-supporting basis so as to afford struggling but ambitious working young men and women who cannot attend the day classes the opportunity to pursue vocational training and receive serious instruction for useful employment in specific business occupation, or supplementary instruction for more useful service and greater responsibility for those already employed; and

WHEREAS, the buildings and facilities of the Philippine School of Commerce lie idle during the evening after the day classes are over and can be utilized to advantage for the best interests of the public;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Elpidio Quirino, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and pursuant to the provisions of Commonwealth Act No. 671, known as the Emergency Powers Act, do hereby order:

1. The Philippine School of Commerce is hereby authorized to operate and maintain night classes and to collect tuition and registration fees of such amounts as may be fixed with the approval of the Secretary of Education, the proceeds thereof to be used as a revolving fund for the operation and maintenance of such night classes.
2. The Philippine School of Commerce is authorized to employ the instructors and the administrative personnel thereof from teachers, officials and employees in and/or out of the Government service;