

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 178, October 01, 1948]

CREATING A COMMISSION TO STUDY THE PROBLEMS OF THE RICE INDUSTRY AND THE RECURRENT RICE SHORTAGE AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON A CONSOLIDATED SOLUTION TO THE RICE PROBLEM.

In view of the serious problems confronting the rice industry in the Philippines and of the grave consequences arising from the recurrent rice shortage in this country, a situation which calls for immediate and practical solution in order to save our people from periodic sufferings and distress, I, Elpidio Quirino, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby create and constitute a Rice Commission which shall be composed of the following:

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| 1. | Placido Mapa, Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources | Chairman |
| 2. | Ricardo Nepomuceno, Secretary of Public Works and Communications | Member |
| 3. | Primitivo Lovina, Secretary of Labor | Member |
| 4. | Cornelio Balmaceda, Secretary of Commerce and Industry | Member |
| 5. | Vicente Carmona, President, Philippine National Bank | Member |
| 6. | Delfin Buencamino, Chairman, Board of Governors, Rehabilitation Finance Corporation | Member |
| 7. | Vicente Sabalvaro, General Manager, National Development Company | Member |
| 8. | Ildefonso Coscolluela, General Manager, Philippine Relief and Trade Rehabilitation Administration | Member |
| 9. | Servillano de la Cruz, Chairman-Manager, National Rice and Corn Corporation | Member |
| 10. | Jose Cojuangco, President, Philippine Rice Growers Association | Member |
| 11. | Guillermo Guevara, in representation of the Philippine Chamber of Commerce | Member |

It shall be the duty of the Commission to devise ways and means of increasing rice production, of preventing or minimizing the destruction and loss of standing crops, of distributing and marketing cleaned rice to consumers all over the Philippines, and of determining various measures that will promote the production of supplementary food crops and the adoption of agricultural industries that will provide off-season employment for the farm population. The Commission shall also undertake a study of all laws and regulations affecting the rice industry and recommend areas of public and private lands suitable for immediate development; submit plans to bring these areas into immediate cultivation for the production of rice and other food crops, and recommend means and method for the speedy advancement of Philippine rice production.

Each member of the Commission who is not in the government service shall receive a per diem to be fixed by the President.

The Commission is hereby empowered and authorized to call upon any Department,