

**[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 7-W, September 15,
1943]**

CREATING A POST-WAR PLANNING BOARD

WHEREAS the wanton invasion of the Philippines by Japanese armed forces, together with the subsequent military occupation of the nation by the enemy, have disrupted the normal development of peaceful progress; and

WHEREAS the problems of relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction of the Philippines after the Japanese are driven out will be great and manifold, and will require lengthy study and careful planning; and

WHEREAS it appears necessary and desirable that such study and planning – and, wherever possible, preparatory action – be carried out at once in the interest of the people of the Philippines;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MANUEL L. QUEZON, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby create and constitute a Posts-War Planning Board whose function are hereunder detailed:

1. To study and recommend plans for relief of the population immediately upon reoccupation of the Philippines, and to formulate proposals for the obtaining of such supplies as may be required for his purpose, and for the restoration of public and private property.
2. To study and recommend plans for the rapid rehabilitation and reconstruction of the Philippines economy, including agricultural, trade, industry, shipping, public works, education, public health and nutrition, maid the new condition that will exist after the defeat of the axis.
3. To study the post-war trade and other relationships between the Government of the Philippine Republic and other governments, with particular reference to the United States and to the neighbours of the Philippines in the Far East.
4. To study and recommend plans for the security of the Philippines after the defeat of Japan.
5. And, in general, to survey, collect data on, and analyze all post-war problems of the Philippines and to recommend plans and programs for the wise solution of these problems.

The Post-War Planning Board shall consist of: Hon. SerGio Osmeña, Vice President of the Philippines, Chairman; and Hon. Joaquin M. Elizalde, Resident Commissioner of the Philippines to the United States; Hon. Andres Soriano, Secretary of Finance;