

MALACAÑAN PALACE

MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 57

DECLARING FEBRUARY 29, 1948, AS "UNITED NATIONS APPEAL FOR CHILDREN DAY", AND THE PERIOD FROM MARCH 5 TO MARCH 20, 1948, INCLUSIVE, AS THE TIME FOR SOLICITATION.

WHEREAS, the Secretary-General of the United Nations has designated February 29, 1948, as "United Nations Appeal for Children Day", and appeals to the people of all nations to help the 60,000,000 children in Europe and Asia who are suffering from lack of food, medicines, clothing, shoes and other necessities;

WHEREAS, the Philippines has gladly accepted the invitation of the United Nations to participate in this world-wide campaign on behalf of the suffering children;

WHEREAS, participation in this campaign accords to our people the happy privilege of uniting with other nations in a common effort to save the next generation for happy citizenship in One World; and

WHEREAS, there has been created a Philippine National Committee of the United Nations Appeal for Children, empowered to conduct, manage and direct this appeal in the Philippines;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MANUEL ROXAS, President of the Philippines, do hereby declare February 29, 1948, as "United Nations Appeal for Children Day" in the Philippines, and the period from March 5 to March 20, 1948, as the time for active solicitation of voluntary contributions.

I call upon all citizens and residents of the Philippines, as well as upon all organizations, to support and facilitate the conduct of this campaign and to give it their wholehearted and enthusiastic assistance. I hereby emphasize the importance of making the Philippine response to this Appeal as an adequate measure and expression of our capacity for international cooperation and of our deep concern and abiding faith in the building of a happy, peaceful and free world.

I also authorize all provincial, city and municipal government officials to accept, for the Philippine National Committee of the United Nations Appeal for Children, certain fund-raising responsibilities in their respective communities to the end that the campaign will be carried out successfully.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

Done in the City of Manila, this ^{26th} day of February, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-eight, and of the Independence of the Philippines, the second.

Thomas Roxas

By the President:

Emilio Cabello

EMILIO CABELLO
Acting Executive Secretary