

**MALACAÑANG**  
**RESIDENCE OF THE PRESIDENT**  
**OF THE PHILIPPINES**  
**MANILA**

**BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES**

**PROCLAMATION No. 376**

**PROCLAIMING THE EXISTENCE OF A STATE OF  
PUBLIC CALAMITY IN THE PROVINCES OF  
AGUSAN, BUKIDNON, COTABATO, DAVAO, LA-  
NAO, MISAMIS ORIENTAL, MISAMIS OCCIDEN-  
TAL, AND SURIGAO, AND THE CITY OF BU-  
TUAN**

WHEREAS, as a result of the widespread inundation in the Provinces of Agusan, Bukidnon, Cotabato, Davao, Lanao, Misamis Oriental, Misamis Occidental, and Surigao, and the City of Butuan, the inhabitants of said territory within the Philippines are threatened with death, famine, disorder, and epidemic; and

WHEREAS, the crisis in the aforesaid territory is aggravated by the excessive increase in the price of certain prime necessities of life;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ramon Magsaysay, President of the Philippines, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Act No. 4164 of the Philippine Legislature, entitled "An Act To Prevent the Excessive Increase in the Price of Certain Prime Necessities of Life on the Occasion of a Public Calamity, Penalizing the Violation Thereof, and for Other Purposes," do hereby proclaim and certify that a state of public calamity exists in the above-mentioned provinces and city, and during the existence of such calamity, it shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation in the aforesaid locality, (1) to sell or offer for sale, palay, rice, corn, cloth, milk, canned goods, sugar, and other foodstuffs, building and construction materials, at prices higher by twenty-five per cent or more over and above the average current local price of such commodities one month previous to the occurrence of such public calamity as may

be determined by the Director of Commerce; and (2) to aggravate the crisis by refusing for the purpose of profiteering to sell at the legal price or by hiding, concealing, or hoarding the goods, or commodities for the same purpose.

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 30th day of December, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and fifty-six, and of the Independence of the Philippines, the eleventh.

[SEAL]

RAMON MAGSAYSAY  
*President of the Philippines*

By the President:

FORTUNATO DE LEON  
*Executive Secretary*

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