

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3255, June 17, 1961]

**AN ACT GRANTING THE MANILA RADIOTELEPHONE COMPANY,
INCORPORATED, A FRANCHISE TO ESTABLISH RADIO,
RADIOTELEPHONE AND RADIOTELEGRAPH STATIONS FOR
DOMESTIC TELECOMMUNICATION.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. Subject to the provisions of the Constitution and of Act Numbered Three thousand eight hundred and forty-six, entitled "An Act providing for the regulation of radio stations and radio communications in the Philippine Islands, and for other purposes;" Commonwealth Act Numbered One hundred forty-six, known as the Public Service Act, and their amendments, and other applicable laws, there is hereby granted to the Manila Radiotelephone Company, Incorporated, its successors or assigns, and hereunder referred to as the "grantee," the right and privilege of constructing, installing, establishing and operating in the Philippines, at such places as the grantee may select and the Secretary of Public Works and Communications may approve, radio stations for the reception and transmission of messages on radio stations in domestic public fixed point-to-point and public base, aeronautical and land-mobile stations, including coastal marine service with the corresponding relay stations for the reception and transmission of wireless messages on radiotelegraphy and/or radiotelephony, radio teletype, radiophoto, facsimile, music, pictures, advertisement and such other types of emission within the Philippines and with vessels at sea and aircrafts over the air within the Philippines.

SEC. 2. A special right is reserved to the President of the Philippines in time of war, rebellion, public peril, calamity, disaster or disturbance of peace or order, to take over and operate the said stations or to authorize the temporary use and operation thereof by any department of the Government without compensating the grantee for the use of said stations during the period when they shall be so operated.

SEC. 3. The President of the Philippines shall have the power and authority to permit the construction of said stations or any of them on any land of the public domain upon such terms and conditions as he may prescribe.

SEC. 4. This franchise shall continue for a period of twenty-five years from the date the first of said stations shall be placed in operation, and is granted upon the express condition that the same shall be void unless the construction of said station be begun within two years from the date of the approval of this Act and be completed within ten years from said date.

SEC. 5. (a) This franchise shall not take effect nor shall any power thereunder be