

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 31, July 05, 1966]

CREATING THE PEACE AND ORDER COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the alarming incidence of crimes and acts of violence require the concerted action of the Government and the nation at large;

WHEREAS, the task of maintaining peace and order, suppressing smuggling and other economically crippling law violations demands the cooperation and combined resources of the Government and the private sector; and

WHEREAS, responsible and civic-spirited and patriotic elements of the country have manifested their willingness to cooperate in this undertaking and to contribute in the campaign to raise funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby create a Peace and Order Commission composed of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman and Treasurer, a Member and Secretary, and not more than twelve members, all to be chosen by the President of the Philippines, charged with the responsibility of raising funds from voluntary contributions to carry out the purposes of this order.

Said funds shall be utilized for:

- (1) The purchase of loose firearms and other arms and equipment in accordance with the provisions of Republic Act No. 486;
- (2) Compensation of additional members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines to be employed in the peace and order and anti-smuggling campaigns, as well as in the drive against dynamite fishing, illegal logging, destruction of public forests, cattle-rustling, squatting, illegal possession of firearms, crime syndicates and other illegal acts;
- (3) Indemnity to the heirs of those who may die or receive injuries in line of duty;
- (4) Relief and assistance to civilians who may be engaged in the aforesaid campaigns;
- (5) Aid to the civilian population during emergencies;
- (6) Payment of cash rewards to civilians or to members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines and, subject to the approval of the President of the Philippines, to their immediate relatives, for information leading to the apprehension of smugglers and leaders of smuggling syndicates and others engaged in