

MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 339

DIRECTING THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES TO SEIZE AND IMPOUND COMBAT MILITARY EQUIPMENT, SUCH AS TANKS, ARMORED CARS AND/OR THEIR SPARE PARTS, HALF-TRACKS, SCOUT CARS, WEASELS, DUCK TANKS, ALL OTHER ARMORED VEHICLES WHETHER ON WHEELS, TRACKS, OR AMPHIBIOUS, AND RADAR EQUIPMENT IN THE POSSESSION OF PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS.

WHEREAS, the present conditions of peace and order require that all measures be taken by the Government to eliminate all possible dangers to public peace and security;

WHEREAS, the possession by private individuals of combat military equipment, such as tanks, armored cars and/or their spare parts, half-tracks, scout cars, weasels, duck tanks, all other armored vehicles whether on wheels, tracks, or amphibious, and radar equipment poses the danger that the same may find their way or fall into unauthorized hands; and

WHEREAS, the only effective way by which this danger can be obviated is for the Government to impound these combat materials, thus preventing the possibility of their being used against the Government, particularly the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Elpidio Quirino, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the Philippines, do hereby direct the Commanding General, Armed Forces of the Philippines, and/or his duly authorized representatives, to seize and impound combat military equipment, such as tanks, armored cars and/or their spare parts, half-tracks, scout cars, weasels, duck tanks, all other armored vehicles whether on wheels, tracks, or amphibious, and radar equipment in the possession of private individuals.

The Commanding General or any of his representatives shall, upon seizure of any such combat military equipment, issue a receipt therefor to the person from whom the same has been seized. He is further charged with the responsibility of seeing to it that said equipment is properly taken care of while in his custody and until such time as the same may be lawfully disposed of or returned to the owner.

Done in the City of Manila, this 7th day of August, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and fifty, and of the Independence of the Philippines, the fifth.

ELPIDIO QUIRINO

President of the Philippines

By the President:

TEODORO EVANGELISTA

Executive Secretary
