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FATHER JOSE BURGOS - DEFINITIVE & OFFICIAL

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(1837 - 1982)**

Coinciding with the 29th anniversary of the approval of the Tydings-McDuffie Act, a law that was passed on March 24, 1934 and provided for the independence of the Philippines in 1946, is the issuance by the Bureau of Posts today of a purple, vertically composed stamp, 19x30 mm in size, bearing the portrait of Father Jose Burgos.

We feel that this occasion is appropriately remembered with the issue of a stamp honoring Father Jose Burgos, one of the great Filipino heroes who joined the movement for independence and paid the supreme sacrifice for it.

Father Jose Burgos will be long remembered as one of the three priests who died in the garrote at Bagumbayan as a result of their implication in the Cavite Revolt of January 20, 1872.

Although Father Burgos was serving as ecclesiastical fiscal and canonical magistrate in the Cathedral of Manila and master of claustral ceremony in the University of Santo Tomas during the Spanish regime, he openly denounced the abuses and tyranny of the civil as well as the ecclesiastical authorities.

To the Filipinos he was a patriot, but to the Spaniards he was a traitor. Ways were therefore devised by the Spaniards to have him arrested. The Cavite Revolt paved the way for his accusation as an enemy of the Spanish crown.

Burgos, together with Fathers Gomez and Zamora were tried, found guilty and executed on February 17, 1872. The three priests, however, died in their religious attire, a fact which suggests that these three members of the clergy were innocent of the accusations against them.

To this great Filipino martyr and hero, we therefore dedicate this intaglio, steel plate printed stamp which was designed by Nemesio Dimanlig, Jr., philatelic designer of the Bureau of Posts. In sheets of 100, a quantity of 15,000,000 has been printed at a denomination of 10 centavo ordinary; and a quantity of 5,000,000 at a denomination of 10 centavo (G.O.). It was printed by the Bradbury Wilkinson & Co. Ltd., New Malden, Surrey, England.

