

December 30, 1963
PRESIDENTIAL CREDO II - RAMON MAGSAYSAY

PRESIDENT RAMON MAGSAYSAY
(August 31, 1907 - March 17, 1957)

No President of the Philippines had been so deeply loved and idolized by the masses as President Ramon Magsaysay.

To the masses he was "The Guy" who made the common tao as important as any other man.

His words, "I believe that the little man is fundamentally entitled to a little more food in his stomach, a little more clothing on his back and a little more roof over his head," will forever remain in the hearts of the poor people he loved.

As a fitting tribute to his memory, the Bureau of Posts issued today two special postage stamps to mark the 10th anniversary of his proclamation as President of the Republic of the Philippines.

At the Nacionalista Party national convention on April 12, 1953, Ramon Magsaysay was nominated Presidential candidate by an overwhelming vote. On November 10 of the same year, he was elected head of the state - the youngest to be bestowed, by popular mandate, the highest magistracy of the nation.

The rest was history. From the time he assumed the Presidency up to the time of his death, he was a leader to whom people gave their loyalty and their love.

The stamp was designed by Nemesio Dimanlig, Jr., the vignette of which bears the bust portrait by Garcia Llamas of the late President on the left. On the right is printed in Pilipino language a famous quotation of the said President which reads:

"NANINIWALA AKO NA ANG TAONG KAPOK SA BUHAY AY DAPAT PUNAN SA BATAS," and its English translation: "I Believe that he who has less in life should have more in Law."

The Bureau of Posts has ordered 25,000,000 of the lavender 6-centavos value and 5,000,000 of the gray 30-centavos denomination.

It was intaglio processed in two colors on sheets of 50 by the Government Printing Bureau, Tokyo, Japan.

