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FOOD PRODUCTION CAMPAIGN SEMI-POSTALS

First stamps printed in the Philippines by the Bureau of Coast and Geodetic Survey, a set of three semi-postal stamps wherein the surtax on the stamps accrued to the benefit of the Philippine Red Cross, which had been created by Jorge B Vargas in his Executive Order No. 31 (creating the Philippine Red Cross) approved by the Commander-in-Chief of the Imperial Japanese Forces in the Philippines on April 24, 1942. That order also revoked the charter of the American Red Cross, in keeping with the Japanese policy of removing all traces of the previous United States Commonwealth Government.

Printed in plates of 200 subjects, divided into post office panes of 100 subjects (10 x 10) with no plate numbers. The 2c+1c and 5c+1c stamps covered the First Class Mail rates for cards and letters, respectively, and the 16c stamp the Registry Fee then in effect. The issue was available in Manila only and the 16c+2c stamps are reported to have been sold out in a few hours.

BOTTOM MARGIN IMPERFORATE PROOFS

