



President Elpidio Quirino shown coming down a PAL plane in the Bacolod City airport during his last trip to the Visayas.

Considered to be the biggest event ever attended by the whole teaching force of Negros Occidental, was the three-day teachers convention last September 15, 16 and 17, in the City of Bacolod.

For the first time in the history of this province, public school teachers, four thousand five hundred of them, gathered to work on certain definite objectives, that of making themselves more useful to the community they serve. The whole affair started with a mammoth parade of all teachers from the provincial capitol to the Negros Occidental High School campus. Thousands of the city inhabitants and residents of

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neighboring towns lined the streets where the parade passed, and viewed with judicious interest and genuine admiration the impressive column of man-power representing a selected group — so vital to the maintenance of peace, progress and stability of any human society.

The parade ended in the wide grounds of the Negros Occidental High School Athletic Field. Immediately after the termination of the parade, the teachers were assembled in the grandstand as the program for the day was officially opened by the Division Superintendent of schools, Mr. Fernando S. Fuentes.

The general theme of the convention was "Improve the Teachers and Improve the Service". Well-known educators spoke before the huge crowd of teachers stressing the modern trends in education. Some of the speakers were (1) Mr. Benito Pangilinan, Director of Public Schools, stressed on the cardinal objective of our Education; (2) Dr. A. L. Carson, President of Silliman University; spoke on his personal opinion regarding the elementary education in the country; (3) Dr. Pedro Y. Rio, Dean of the College of Education, Silliman University, explained how "Guidance in Education Would Help Young People Get the Kind of Training That Really Fit Them," (4) Ex-Undersecretary of Education, Mr.



Shown on the left is a portion of the teachers three-day convention held in Occidental Negros the middle part of last month which was called by Superintendent of Schools Fernando Fuentes. The convention discussed matters affecting the efficiency of the teaching force in the province and how to improve the standard of education in general.