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Felipe Protests NAMARCO Transfer

Edu Smells Rat in LTC Collections He Orders To Audit Agencies

Acting Land Transportation Commissioner Romeo F. Edu ordered yesterday the audit of collections by LTC agencies which have not yet been deposited with the National Treasurer in an aggregate amount of P1 million.

The LTC commissioner said that the unaudited collections which the National Treasurer through local depositories like the Philippine National Bank for an unreasonable length of time can be the subject of certain anomalies. Edu also issued a warning to collection officers, under pain of administrative and criminal penalties to submit to the head office in Quezon City the reports or abstracts of collections in support of deposits made with the National Treasurer amounting to P3 million. LTC internal auditors "smell a (Continued on page 6)

Old RCA Retailers May Register Again

In view of the immediate necessity for distribution of RCA rice, Director E. V. Mendoza has written to RCA Manager Osmando Mondredo that for purposes of ap-

may use the 1964 RICOB list of registered retailers.

In 1964 the amendment to the RCA Law provides that only RICOB registered retailers shall distribute RCA rice but in places where there are no registered RICOB retailers, the RCA can appoint the barrio councils. For this purpose, the RICOB has registered 25,000 copies of these names have been submitted to the RCA. This fast work and coordination by the RCA and RICOB led a smooth and fast distribution of RCA rice in 1964, avoiding the "pila" system.

Under the new RCA Law, it is provided that only RICOB licensed retailers shall be considered as RCA distributors. In spite of this new amendment of the RCA Law, (Continued on page 6)

PNB Athletic Ass'n. Holds Meet, Reception & Ball

The Philippine National Bank Athletic Association (Philnabank) of the annual meet, reception and ball today PNB branches in Bicol are having their teams for the different tournaments like softball, basketball, swimming, etc.

The Naga City PNB branch is the host to the other Bicol branches. A night in the ball will be held at the Naga City PNB branch.

"The Star Witness"

by Elix Abejero

Those Unhappy Situations

Our witness confessed that he was unduly embarrassed during the commencement program at the Naga Central School when he found himself seated in a place intended for the members of the faculty. There seems nothing wrong with it, until the arrival of the teachers who easily outnumbered the seats. At least a dozen of them, all ladies, including one American, a Peace Corps vo-

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Land Reform Information Drive In Full Swing In The Bicol Region

Since March 1966, the Land Reform Information Drive has been in full swing in the provinces of Albay and Camarines Sur, where two Land Reform Information Teams were added. The first team based in Albay is composed of Atty. Alfredo Abundo, of ACA, Atty. Jose Oca, of the Department of Agrarian Reform, and Atty. Solares of APC and Claudio Abriol of LRA, the second team headed by Cam. Sur is composed of Atty. Concepcion Noble of OTAC, Miss Teresita Almendra of APC, Adriel Palma of ACA and Paulino Iligan of LRA.

The team in Albay has already covered the barrios of Libon and part of Polangui while the team in Camarines Sur has already covered Pili and part of Bula. In the days to come, the teams will reach other areas. The teams have scheduled a conference with the farmers in each barrio of the municipality concerned.

The teams have discovered that the farmers are very enthusiastic in the information drive. The information they received about Land Reform. They have shown keen interest in its implementation. In order to help the farmers, due to the information drive, many farmers are going to volunteer leasehold. Several days after the information drive, the farmers of said areas have sought assistance of the Office of the Agrarian Counsel in shifting to voluntary leasehold.

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Sen. Aytona Dismisses Castillo's Charges

LEGAZPI CITY — The local spokesman of Senator Dominador R. Aytona yesterday declared that the Albay lawmaker belittled the charge of Central Bank Governor Andres V. Castillo that Aytona was resorting to vindictiveness in the current probe of CB irregularities.

The local spokesman of the Bicol solon quoted Aytona as saying that "if to expose irregularities, particularly of the magnitude of those committed by CB

in the past, a speech is a privileged speech that at least five CB major irregular transactions had been consummated during the Macapagal administration.

The Bicol senator who hails from Libon, Albay, termed those transactions, which involved hundreds of millions of pesos, as

the current investigation of CB operations by the banks and franchise (Continued on page 4-E)

So the People May Know . . .

BY KA BERTO

New Strains Replace Susceptible Tjere Mas

Tjere mas, a rice variety grown by farmers in Camarines Sur and other places in the country is easily attacked by rice blast. The disease destroys the leaves, flowers, panicles and grains of the plant. Furthermore, it damages the crop from seedling to maturity stage. In serious cases, the infected plants either die or produce very low yields.

However, Dr. Pedro B. Espejo, specialist of U.P. College of Agriculture, and his co-workers found four resistant strains of Tjere mas to replace the susceptible variety. These are at present being grown at the College's experimental farm for seed multiplication.

The four resistant strains of Tjere mas were selected from 500 blast resistant lines from the International Rice

Research Institute at Los Baños. These are lines No. 61; 71; 80 and 254

Ordinary Tjere mas matures early, gives more productive tillers, grows tall, lodges easily and succumbs readily to rice blast. The new strains possess the same qualities except that they are resistant to rice blast and yield more than the old variety.

NAMARCO Regional Manager Turns Down Petition Of Old Distributors

Atty. Jacobo Briones, regional manager of the NAMARCO in Bicol with an office in Naga City, turned down the petition of the Old Nammarco retailers and distributors of Legazpi City to stop appointing additional distributors and retailers of NAMARCO goods. The petitioners alleged that the old distributors and retailers of Nammarco goods in Legazpi are already sufficient in number without authorizing ad-

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Rep. Felipe Jr. Strongly Protests Projected Transfer Of NAMARCO Regional Office To Legazpi City

Immediately after learning that there is a plan to transfer the regional office of the National Marketing Corporation of the government in Naga City to the City of Legazpi, Congressman Ramon H. Felipe, Jr. of the first district of Camarines Sur made his strong protest of the projected transfer to NAMARCO General Manager Jovenal Almendras. Felipe reasoned out that Naga City is bigger than Legazpi and is the commercial and trade center of the Bicol region.

Following is the telegram of Congressman Felipe to Manager Almendras last Thursday, May 12: "My constituents in First District Camarines Sur Naga City and I am protesting vigorously against transfer your regional office from Naga to Legazpi City. Naga City bigger than Legazpi and is commercial and trade center in Bicol Region; Please reconsider projected transfer. Regards Thanks,

"Congressman Ramon Felipe" Last April 28, Congressman Felipe, also sent a telegram to President Ferdinand E. Marcos reporting the alleged rampant cattle rustling in the first district of Cam, Sur particularly in towns of Sipecot Lupi, Ragay and Del Gallego. The solon requested the President to instruct the PC here to conduct an intensive campaign against cattle rustlers. Felipe's telegram to President Marcos was as follows: "President Ferdinand Marcos Malacañang "Rampant cattle rustling in (Continued on page 4-F)

Naga Police Summer Athletic League Opens

The Naga Police 1966 Summer Athletic League in basketball will have the opening ceremonies tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock at the PNB Quadrangle near Plaza Rizal, here. The series of basketball games will run up to June 22, 1966.

There are 18 teams participating: 7 teams in the senior group; 8 teams in the junior division; 9 in the midgets and 4 intergovernment offices.

Tomorrow's opening program is as follows: National Anthem; invocation by Rt. Rev. Msgr. Nicanor C. Belleza of Caceres; opening remarks by Councilor E. General; musical number by rondallas; short talk by City Mayor V. Sibulo; musical number; closing remarks by Chief of Police, Maj. Elias Pama; raising of team colors; oath amateurism. Det. Elias Compueto, master of ceremonies. Exhibition games will be played after the program:

Labayo's Story Arouses Inquiry From T.T.A. Prexy

May 9, 1966

Dear Mr. Editor, Thank you for your story in your April 23 issue about alleged anomalies in the construction of tourism projects in Sorsogon and Gubat, according to Mr. Ramon Labayo, BTTI Regional Coordinator. May we inquire from Mr. Labayo the following:

1. All throughout the construction of the bathouse in Rizal Beach, Gubat and the resthouse in B.
2. The Rizal Beach bathhouse is in Gubat. The mayor there is Mr. Labayo's brother-in-law. During the construction period, what was Mr. Labayo doing? Where was he? Mr. Labayo (from Gubat).
3. The Bulusa Lake resthouse was designed and its construction supervised by an architect-engineer of the Board of Tourism and Travel Industry, Mr. Rene Asuncion. While Mr. Asuncion was there

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CSHS Team Runner-up In Shell Traffic Game National Finals

The Naga City, represented by the Cam Sur High School team was adjudged runner-up in the Second National Finals of the SHELL TRAFFIC GAME which was held at F. Gomez Elementary School in Manila during the celebration of the Traffic Safety (Cont. on page 4-F)

PARTIAL REVIEW

by Andres G. Diez

India's Nationalism Crashes

India, which has a population of over 450,000,000 people is now facing the frightening specter of mass starvation. In Bihar, India, food shortage is worsened by drought. Men and women by the thousands have to walk miles to fetch their drinking water.

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